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West of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers

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## THE REASON WHY .

Washington, D. C., 1904.

To my Friends:

Recently looking over files of old letters, that had been accumulating since 1850, with the intention of destroying them, I was surprised to find that many of them are of historic value both to the Presbyterian Church, and to the Country and therefore worthy of preservation.

A number of the letters are written with poor ink which is fading and will soon be illegible. Others are written with a ~~some~~ pencil on an inferior quality of paper, which is falling to pieces, and all of the earlier letters were written at a time when copying with a letter-press was rare.

To rescue and preserve these records of the activity of a church working to build up a Christian civilization west of the Mississippi River, it became necessary to copy the original letters, by typewriting, and then press-copy the typewriting. This has now been done.

As the letters have filled over eight thousand typewritten pages, it was no small undertaking. Twenty-seven typewriters were employed for longer or shorter periods. The larger number had other work and copied these letters when off duty in order to increase their income. They represented all grades of workmanship, good, bad and indifferent. Consequently many mistakes were made, which I have tried in the limited time at my disposal to correct.

In some letters the writing was so bad or ink so poor, that the best of typewriters could not make them out and I have been surprised at the patience and skill manifested by some of them in deciphering illegible scrawls. (I doubt if some of the writers themselves, could now make out their own letters.)

If I could have had sufficient time, without neglecting more important work, I would have edited the letters and eliminated personal and private matters. It was to reproduce them in their original form, or not at all and I chose the original form.

In that form they give a true picture with the lights and shadows of the every day life of the heroic, God-fearing men and women, who with great self-denial, much suffering and many tribulations laid the foundations of Christian institutions and Christian states west of the Mississippi River.

In this connection I regret to say that previous to 1885, my own letters were also sent out uncopied and can not now be



gathered up.

My correspondence since that time, has been copied into letter-press books, 20 volumes of which contain my private and 42 volumes, my official letters as United States General Agent of Education in Alaska. These official volumes are the property of the U. S. Bureau of Education.

The 20 volumes of my private letters, together with the original letters received by me since 1858 (as far as preserved) will be deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society located at Philadelphia. Of the two or three copies made of the original letters received, one set will be deposited in the Congressional Library, Washington, one in the Library of Princeton Theological Seminary, and one in the Library of Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Additional information concerning the same work is contained in a series of scrap-books, kept by myself since 1859, of which there are 21 volumes on Alaska (including 3 on the introduction of domestic reindeer into Alaska), Arizona 1, California, 1; Colorado, 3; Iowa, 1; Kansas, 1; Minnesota, 2; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 1; New Mexico, 4; Pueblos of New Mexico and Arizona, 2; Utah, 6 (including 3 on Westminster College), Utah and Wyoming, 1; Washington, Oregon and Idaho, 1; and 2 volumes of certificates of membership in various societies, appointments and other personal matters. These 48 volumes of scrap-books will be given to the Presbyterian Historical Society, with the exception of the three volumes on Westminster College, which will be given to that institution.

Other information of my work in Alaska is contained in "Alaska and Missions on the North Pacific Coast," Published by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, 1880. "Among the Alaskans" by Julia McNair Wright, Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, 1883, and "Life in Alaska" by Mrs. Eugene S. Willard, (Edited by Mrs. Eva McClintock), 1884, Published by Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia. "The Rainbow's End Alaska" by Miss Alice Palmer Henderson, Chicago, 1898, pp. 195-224; "Doyle's Presbyterian Home Missions", pp. 99-136 and 195-224; Published by Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, 1902. National Geographic Magazine, Washington, D. C., Vol. pp. 27-31. (1896), and Vol. 14, April, 1903, pp. 126-147. Smithsonian Report for 1902, Washington, D. C., pp. 613-623; Southern Workman, Vol. 33, April, 1904, pp. 209-215, Hampton, Va. "Our Western Archipelago", pp. 141-150, Scribner Bros. New York, 1895; "Musings by Camp Fire and Way Side," pp. 20-264, F. H. Revell & Co., Chicago; "Truth about Alaska". "The Land of Gold," pp. 168-181, 193-197, by Eugene McElwaine, 1 "Our Day," Vol. 18, January, pp. 13-17, Chicago, 1898; "The Perance in Alaska," Published in "Standard Encyclopedia of Temperance and Prohibition", Chicago.

Also, in my nineteen annual reports on "Education in Alaska" Published in the Annual Reports of the U. S. Commis of Education, (1885-1904), and fourteen annual reports on the introduction of Domestic Reindeer into Alaska," published by



United States Senate (1891-1904).

Additional information concerning my work in Alaska and other fields, will be found in the following publications: "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian," a monthly missionary paper owned and edited by myself at Denver, Colorado (1872-1882); "The North Star," a monthly missionary paper which I published at Sitka, Alaska (1887-1892); "Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions," pages 1036-37, in "Presbyterian Encyclopedia," published at Philadelphia, 1884. "Among the Pimas," p. 47, published by Ladies Union Mission School Association, Albany, 1893; "Pioneering in the San Juan," Revell & Co., Chicago and New York, 1899.

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Trusting that these letters may preserve the memory and deeds of the faithful men and women, who, during the last half of the nineteenth century, amid much hardship and constant self-denial, labored to establish churches and Christian institutions among the pioneers of the Western half of the United States; and through the record of their missionary zeal, kindle the enthusiasm and provoke to good works coming generations of Christian young men and women; and furnish future historians with many facts concerning the beginnings of the church in that vast region, that would otherwise have been lost sight of, and lead to a clearer understanding of some of the causes which have produced such large results in the establishment of strong Christian churches and healthful public sentiment, is the earnest wish and prayer of one, who has, through the abundant grace of God, been permitted to be a part of the work for half a century.

Your fellow worker in the Lord,

Sheldon Jackson.



Cannon City, Oct. 28th. 1873.

Brother Sheldon Jackson;

I was shown a postal card yesterday by Brother Bellon which you state that the books for our choir were on the way which I am glad to learn, for we are in need of them. and will say that the money will be sent to you this week. We will have to send by registered letter as we can not get a Post Office order here, The choir had the money to pay for the books and it was in the hands of Brother Bell, but when he was at Presbytery he ran short of funds and had to use it, with the intentions of having that amount collected out of balance due him on subscription and not knowing that the books were ordered we were not in a church but it shall be attended to at once, so please send the book along and as soon as you can make it convenient to pay us a visit you may rest assured that we will be glad to see you.

And until that time on behalf of myself and choir accept our thanks for your trouble and may God ever bless and sustain you in your mission.

Yours Fraternally,

S. H. Boyd

Las Animas, Colo.

Oct. 29th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

After receipt of this my address will be Trinidad, Col. I wrote you some time since that our correspondence ended in a failure to make arrangements to send me there. But in my last letter, I stated, what I had omitted to say before, that the advance I asked was simply to enable me to move, that I could not move without it. So they wrote again renewing their invitation, and offering to send a team to move our goods, and a conveyance for us, if a suitable one could be found we might go next week. Wife is willing to go, but far from enthusiastic, and her mother has written to think long before leaving the railroad so long. but I hope she will be better satisfied after meeting friends there, than she now expects to be. The new town and far above for miles above is christened West L. A. is progressing in buildings, but does not at all inspire confidence that it



will be a prominent place. Business firms which certainly intended organizing there ere this, are now arranging to remain there all winter; and the head of the country still comes to this point, and will for some time to come. Many still have strong hopes of the Atchison Road next spring; and nobody thinks it will go to the new town; for a more unfavorable man never selected.

It is now on miles or more of old oil dust, and so low that it will all probability be overbowed in the spring so those say no know. And from appearance contradicts their statement. If having money today, I would buy lots in the old town at current rates, rather than in the new. Next spring will probably determine which, if either, is to become a permanent place. As permanent work can not be done during the winter, at least I would insist upon using the church's money for buildings of either, it is perhaps as well that the place do without services, and give them to a point that needs present work; for I think no fear need be had about going ahead at Trinidad, some day it will be of local importance, at least. My recollection is at least that the church board erection will give; is that correct. Please send me a copy of the Presbyterian Record. Let me know, if about what time you will be in Auburn. There are a few young men there that I would like you to go and see, and which I correspond. Two or three I would like to see in Colo. next spring.

Excuse haste,

E. P. Robb.

Louisville, Oct. 30th. 1873.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Denver, Colo., Ter.

Dear Brother;

A kind Providence watched us by the way and brought us to the end of our journey without any thing unpleasant coming to disturb us. Mrs. Gordan I hope is gradually rising from her condition. She stood the journey quite as well as we ventured to expect. Except the death of a young man a deacon of my congregation, I find no material changes among my people.

My pulpit was regularly occupied while I was gone each Sabbath. A warm greeting on the part of the people makes our return all the more agreeable. I trust the favors our



heavenly Father has bestowed on us will unite within us some measure of gratitude which is the only return we can make. My mind often wanders to the congregation at C. Brother A. was always by a train behind time. The weather at and after his arrival was snow and storm. The attendance was thinner than I had ventured to hope, yet I hope good was done.

I broached the subject that an effort be made to raise \$500.00. Two members Snyder and Rowney promised to give \$100.00 each on condition that \$500.00 be raised in the congregation. Mrs. Corbett said that her husband said that he would give his share. I shall be much disappointed if \$500.00 is not made up as the result of the moment. Besides those you know in the congregation I would mention Mrs. Seawright, a member recently moved to the place, Mrs. Hardesty and family from Texas whose names I have forgotten living on the street (east side) south of the church acquaintance of mine lives in a cottage immediately west of the Corbetts. Sickness among their children prevents their attending church.

Of those who seem favorably disposed to the Presbyterian church but not yet members I would mention Mrs. Winston sister of Mrs. Hardesty. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, there is also Mrs. S. Walker near Mrs. Knight. I think Mrs. Snyder was fully impressed with the importance of going ahead without waiting for others to lead. I visited the most of the above. He seemed impressed with the idea that the proper man might gather a full congregation. These my dear Brother I have endeavored to plan for you the true state of the case. If the congregation makes such efforts as I think they will, I hope that your Board will assist them liberally and that good results will follow.

Mrs. Gordan joins me in best wishes for yourself and family.

Your Brother in Christ,

G. Gordan.

Alto City, Mich. Oct. 31st. 1873

Dear Brother Jackson;

I would enjoy exceedingly to have you spend a Sabbath with us before the winter sets in, regret that you will not be able to do so. Am grateful for the interest you have taken in our field. The mines are making inquiries about the reading room; we are ready to open as soon as the reading matter comes. Our room is comfortable, nicely papered, and well lighted, think we can make it very com-



fortable this winter. If on your way east, you could make it suit to pass through Utah City, on th R. M. and P. R.R. it would be a great pleasure to my mother and friends if you would call on them. My Pastor, Rev. O. S. Sobond would be pleased to see you. You ask for the names of any of the men in the Ter. who you think would like to enter the mines work. I am acquainted with nine. You ought to be able to get some men there. Albert Russell of the last class is a good man for the work. The last I heard of him he was in N. Y. thinking of going to C. to spend the winter. He ought to have been out here. Of the class in N. Y. there are several good men. Mr. Crawford is a good man and I believe might be influenced to come out. John P. Hall would succeed out here. Try them all. I remember a Mr. McAffee. I wish he was in the same class, if so, I think you might get him. He has two brothers. Please give my kindest regards to all my old friends. I wish you all success in your new enterprise. and hope to see you here next spring.

Affectionately,

Your Brother  
in the Lord,  
J. P. Schell.

Colorado Springs,  
Nov. 4th. 1873.

My dear Brother;

Every thing looks well here. Had the church packed on Sunday both morning and evening. Had twenty eight or twenty nine out at our last Prayer Meeting. Am in better health than I have enjoyed for some time. See plenty of work before me and feel anxious to get at it. Have been provokingly delayed about getting my new rooms, but hope to get in all O. K. in a few days.

I have chartered a fine black pony for the winter and find her a great source of pleasure and convenience for me. I think horse back riding is the very best thing for my health that I could have. I had a letter from Brother Sample a few days ago. He says that he has not been free from Asthma a single day since he reached Omaha. He can only preach by the use of Shas his hands very full and some times "staggers" under his work. Says he has only had one letter from Denver and don't know anything about the movements in the 17th. St. Church. For my part I hope the church will do



quickly what ever it intends to do in regard to Brother Sample. I judge from the tone of his letter that he apprehends that he will have to leave Minneapolis. If all hopes of consolidations are over, what better thing could you do than have an urgent and cordial call made out to Brother Sample? I believe he is just the man for you, under the existing circumstances- But you know him better than I do.

If the church does call him, please advise me at once. I want to write to him. The failure of Young's Bank here will make the winter a very hard one here. A great many poor families had their available funds there and now

With love to Mrs. Jackson and the church-

Your Brother in the Lord,

J. G. Lowrie.

West Chester,

Nov. 7th. 1873.

Sheldon Jackson Esqr.

Esteemed Brother and Friend;

I want to thank you most sincerely for your nice letter to Mrs. Dickson, and myself. Knowing your many duties, and cares makes one appreciate of them much greater. It is a great comfort to hear what you are doing in the far off country where so much is needed to be done. I can not know see how young ministers can help availing themselves of the opportunity of rushing to the frontier. Of course life is sweet to all, and the pleasures of life very desirable to the young. I remember D. David Nelson (Author of Nelson) was the guest of my sister when I was about eighteen years old. I made my home then with my sister. I remember too the conversation held at that time and the earnestness of the persuasion urging me to be a missionary. The way then seemed quite hedged up, and I had to give up all idea of it at that time. If you could look over my life from that time up to the present, I think you could feel as I do, that the Lord had other work for me to do. Perhaps not as heroic, but a work which some one must do. My doing, of what ever kind it may be, is almost done. I look back upon it with shame and confusion of face, and heart, and Oh! the looking forward is so much better. I can't say that I have done all that I could have done, but I can say my Saviour has done all for me. as I do now where I stand all of grace. O I can not tell you how it all looks



to me now. I believe the Father has all of my prayers of Christians in my behalf, and has removed the dread of death that I once had. I do hope that His hands will never hang down from the lack of prayer. Heaven seems to me to be so desirable, because then I shall be free from sin. Free from all uncharitableness and all every temptation. I am growing more feeble in the last few weeks. I don't see how this weary heart can go on much longer. Please I beg of you pray for me. as many as know of me. I want to rest quietly in the rest of my Saviour's love and not be when the last trial comes.

Will you please send a copy of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian to my sister Mrs. E. P. Darlington, care of Mr. Darlington West Chester, Chester Co. Penn. Enclosed you will find the money for it.

Very Respectfully Yours,

P. A. Lewis

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Denver, Col.,

Nov. 7th. 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

Rev. Mr. Lams has returned to Denver, He is much better than he was. yet I do not think there is very much prospect of his ever doing very much church work. He intends to resign his place, and selects the Rev. W. W. Curtis of Kansas (a fellow student of his in the seminary) be commissioned to Longmont, and Pleasant Valley. A promising field and plenty of work. Mr. Curtis took the first honors in his class at College. stood high in the seminary, has built two churches in Kansas, his present field is a young man. and etc. and etc. and wants to come to Col. I told him I would write to that effect. but he would not explain it down to suit your, but find that I can not have it done without ruining the cut itself. So I suppose we shall have to do without it in the paper. I do not see how else it can be arranged. We are all well. Had a fine sociable the best of the season at the Blockbarriers last evening.

All send love to yourself and family.

Your Brother in the Lord,

W. Y. Brown.

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Denver, Col.,  
Nov. 8th. 1873.

#23 Central St.,  
New York.  
Rev. Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Sir;

Not knowing whether you are posted in regard to our W. Y. Brown's movements or not I write to say that he has gone to work in earnest to establish two missions churches one in the neighborhood of the junction and one in West Denver, and ofcourse trying to draw from our church his would be friends, but it is needless to say that in this he does not meet his expectations. The motive that prompts him to remain in our midst is as apparent to you as to us. And whether it will be to the advancement of Presbyterianism or not it is useless to say to one understanding the situation as well as you. but certainly some other man should be sent to theis field to do the work rather than let him disgrace the church by his blunders. Did you know of his intended movements? and can he secure aid from the Board?

Yours Truly,  
H. C. Donnell.

Trinidad, Col. Nov. 10th. 1873.

My dear Mr. Jackson;

I arrived here on Saturday last, and found your postal awaiting me. Take the first opportunity of answering yours, though am not yet situated so as to have time for doing so at length. Am at Captain Starks, and comfortable for the time being, we expect to bet into our house tomorrow or next day; are cleaning it now. The people are all very kind. Mrs. Robb. likes the appearance of the place better than she did L. A. will write you more about the place and people again. I wrote Dr. Schenck a letter for their Sunday School, but could not tell them about Trinidad Sunday School, but wrote what I hoped would answer his purposes. Today received letters from both Smith and Leonard of auburn. They are both men who I think, are suited to



the work. who have thought about, and though very different from the other, are able men. I correspond with both, and will advise them in regard to the work here, and think I can have some influence with them. Smith is my most intimate friend, and I would like to see him out here for at least a few years. I think you will be pleased with him, and know that you will hear nothing but good from him. I don't know all that are there this year; but will mention some good men who were there last year. Hoyt, Reed, another man, Bochman, and Dr. Camp are good men, and you might get the settled one. Mrs. Robb. and Mrs. Hank sends regards and wife says be sure to Mrs. Chery.

In haste,  
Yours for the Master,  
E. P. Robb.

Denver, Col.,  
Nov. 17th., 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson;

As I had a supply for yesterday, I concluded to "field" the field and see what the prospects might be for the coming year, so I appointed preaching at West Denver, at 2.30 P. M. in the morning, I was much reminded of our commencement two years ago, and I trust that the field will develop as quickly as the other. In the other part of the field, out Chowper St. is it, E. Denver, God has evidently gone before us the way, very graciously. Mrs. Wise, who for six years has run the Beer Garden, had given up the building and ground are needed by the John Hughes, We have the use of the National Park, Building. Are well situated to our purpose. would do for church and parsonage. for several years. The ground amounts to about four acres, and would make a magnificent site for church. a and college. We asked \$15000.00 for the whole, but would take less, if it should be used for church, and school purposes. I feel that that is a most Providential opening to break up that wicked and Sabbath breaking institution. Mrs. Wise there are about one thousands persons at the National Park and God gives us the opportunity of breaking up all the scene and of establishing in its place a school and a church. If we can get \$10.000.00 assistance in the cost, we can do the whole. Break up the Beer Garden, establish a church and a college Now can you not do something for us while you are



away in the east? I have got the first refusal of the property, but I fear if we do not secure it soon, that the Germans will form a combination, or fools as they call them, here, and but it abain for a beer garden, the church in that neighborhood will never again have the opportunity of doing so sweet good with the same out lay. This whole field the mission points in the suburbs of the city give promise of healthy and rapid improvement into good working churches. and the charge will not be long becoming self sustaining. I want you to give these enterprises your strongest backing with the Board. You can explain the situation so much better personally than we can write it. I think both Dr. Dickson and Kendell have a pretty correct idea of the situation.

National Park is about midway between 17th. St. and and the machine shops, and the a quarter from each. West of Denver is beyond the Chreek; and separate from all the churches of all denomination. Mrs. Jackson and I are very well. Nothing special occurring since you left.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Kendell and Dickson.

Fraterlally Yours,

W. Y. Brown.

New York, Nov. 18th. 1873.

Dear Brother Brown;

I have been here two or three days and been able to get the lay of the land with regard to the enterprise at Denver. of course there has been no action of Board, as it has not come before them. I may be wrong in my judgement My impression is from conversation that we can not hope anything from Board. There is no new commission except in very rare cases, which had been undertaken before the panic Every member of wealthy Brick Church has suffered from immensely. It is beyond anything I ever witnessed. I do not remember that of 57. The N. E. Church yesterday cut down there appropriations 100000 from last year. Everybody is taking in all sail they possibly can under their circumstances. I am informed that the 7 strong appropriations and the 7 Board will not grant a dollar to our enterprise in Denver I am in unusual health, I am sorry that times are so hard. Every thing is paralyzed at this end of the line.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. N. Berdie and Gertrude.

Affectionately,

Your Brother in Christ,

Sheldon Jackson.



New York, Nov. 19th. 1873.

My dear Sir;

Enclosed you will find a check for \$50.00 which I hope will help you some in your good work. We have at home a great many colthes which have been laid aside for different reasons, but still have a great deal of wear in them. If you have to pay freight on them we doubt if it is best to send them, but if you have anything way of having them transported and you think it advisable for us to send them, we will be glad to do so.

My brother Willenjoyed his visit to your city exceedingly and sent us glowing accounts about Denver. His last letter here from Ogden in which he told me he met a salé Lake City the minister in the Presbyterian Church who had heard of farther Throng yourself. He was pleseed to see aill and made his stay in that city a very pleasant one.

My Mother enjoyed her usual share of health father and the rest of us are remarkably well and we unite in messages of kindness and prayers for your great success.

Your Christian Brother,  
Frank L. Jeniway.

Fair Play Central Rochester?  
Binghamton, N. Y.  
Nov. 21th. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Brother;

Since I wrote you in the summer, I have been most severely afflicted. I have lost my darling wife. So it pleased God. O I am a most desolate man now. I wish at this time to communacate with you in regard to a certain peice of business which my circumstances impose on me. I will explain. My wife left no children. She left a few hundred dollars which I wish to use in a way as will do the most good and I think I could not please her more( did she know what I do) thatn to use what she left to bless the world, and to bring souls to Christ.

I have thought if the noney was put in some locality in the far West to help build some church. it would i



in that way do good as long as people were taught the word of God in those houses. and in this way she may be able to bless the world for many years to come. My wife and myself were both children of Presbyterian ministers. I think perhaps you will remember her family. She was daughter of Rev. Joseph B. Eastman who use to preach at Amsterdam, will and thereabouts. She felt some what acquainted with you, which led to our correspondence. You are in the midst of the mission work thereso that I thought that you knew of two other churches started to build at whome \$100.00 cost would each stimulate, and in this way do good i more than one way. Churches that will be useful and that will be working churches Please be frank with me, and if you think I can do more good than in the way mentioned, please explain. and if you know of such churches as I mention Probably you think I am wealthy, but I am not. I am a clerk in a wildwood office, a young man and could use the money left me to very good advantage in my pecuniary circumstances, but I am a steward and wish when the time comes, to give a good account of my stewardship. I want to live in this world as I will wish to I had when I awake in the other world. Life is real. God has given us glorious opportunities to enter a most beautiful country in the By and By, if we will. I may be out when you are here next summer, don't know. I doubt if I go futher west than Omaha. This is a most desolate, lonesome country to me now. Please think well over what I have told you, and do not answer until you have considered the subject well.

I want to help where it will do the most good. You know, but let me know from you. I received your letter to the children to our Sabbath School all right, but it is an important act, and I want to do it well. Some time between the first of Jan. and next summer.

Very Truly,

I am,

Your Brother,

G. M. T. Johnson.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Aug. 24th. 1873.

Dear Mrs. Jackson;

I have received two telegrams from Denver One reads there: "Elected supply for two months Come first of Dec. Salary same." signed H. C. Donnell. The other is as fol-



lows." Only twenty four votes for you, four one third of whole church against you. Will wrtite particulars." signed A. G. Boone. Evidently the hand of Joab is in the matter. I have written to Donnell say ing, I will leave the question open until I hear by letter. Will not you or Ref. Jackson, if he is at home, give me full information and advise in the matter? I wish the two churches could be united even with two pastors, who would also help the missions out, and talk in both services. Such an arrangement would not be specially agreeable to the pastors, but, I think good would result, and aid be avoided. I trust the R. Presbyterian will make no reference to the matter as it stands.

Affectionately,  
R. F. Sample.

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Albany, New York,  
Nov. 24th. 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Sir;

I have you enclosed herewith a Post Office Order for Fifty dollars, it being a thank offering of a lady of our Sabbath School appended to the same. Also please find the note, designating the purpose to which she desires the gift applied.

I take this opportunity of expressing to you my heart felt sympathy in your work- and of bidding you "God-Speed."

Yours Very Truly,  
E. M. Briggs.

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Pueblo, Colorado,  
Nov. 25th, 1873.

Rev. and Dear Brother:

There will be a meeting of the Presbytery of Colorado at the National Park, Champa St., between 25th and 26th streets, Denver, on Monday evening, Dec. 8th, 1873, at



7 o'clock P. M.--- called to unroll the Mission Churches in the suburbs of Denver --- entertain a call for a Pastor for the Charge and make provision for his installation and support and for the erection of a church edifice.

Wm. E. Hamilton,  
Modr.

Fairplay, Colorado,  
Nov. 28th, 1873.

Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

Books to the amount of 70 received. It was a grand donation. Just what we needed and we are overflowing with thankfulness.

You ask for some names of Auburn students that would make good missionaries. The one I would first name in the graduating class is Geo. R. Smith, but I have just received a note from him stating that he has accepted a call to Dryden, New York. But as he has been a missionary in Iowa he could recommend you to others. He used to think much of coming out this way. Am sorry that he is content to settle in New York. Geo. Humphreys used to have a desire to know about the work here. G. W. Leonard would be a good man. Wm. Reed and M. D. Edwards I could heartily recommend but no doubt they will stick to the east. I know several in Union Theological Seminary that I should advise you to see. They would be glad to have a word from me and might be thus interested. Tell them for me not to be content in the east. Come out and breathe our delightful air and live in our land of wonders and great possibilities. I would not exchange my field for any of the great positions that they may aspire to. Although as you know I am laboring under great discouragements. But in this country there is so much to be hoped for that one cannot sink. All these are good fellows, viz: A. F. De Camp, A. A. Kiehle, D. A. Ferguson, --- Ford, and I can recommend them. If they would like to know more, how I like it, tell them I am ready to inform them.

Our old school house is so unfavorable for services, that although there is no money here we are considering the question of building a little chapel, costing say \$900.00. If \$200 or \$300 could be obtained in cash I have no doubt but that it might be put up this winter, except finishing inside. Oh, how delightful it would seem to us to have a home, around which might cluster sacred associations. I



really hope you will find some means of raising us some funds. If you are in Auburn try Dr. Hawley's church of which I was a member, and perhaps the other might take an interest.

There is a good prospect now for the erection of court house buildings and if so the place will be permanent. At least the place is large enough to have a chapel and always will be

I wrote Dr. Kendall lately, asking him for the next quarters dues in advance a little, because I get nothing here this quarter. Have already been under the necessity in getting some winter supplies to run in debt \$50. After next quarter received I hope to be all right.

I presume the board is affected by the hard times is the reason I have not received it. Hope it will come soon to my relief.

Fraternally yours,  
D. E. Finks.

Have just written a letter of thanks of Board of Publication.

Pioche, Nevada,  
December 1, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed one dollar in stamps to pay for Rocky Mountain Presbyterian one year. Address Mrs. C. J. Appleby, Pioche, Nevada. As to men for mission work the class at Chicago is small. Any of them could get the best of references but whether they will see the path westward is another matter. My experience as yet would not warrant my saying of this work either good or bad. A few weeks back I had about made up my mind to depart. But people outside the membership took the matter in hand and say they can get from one hundred and twenty-five (\$125) to one hundred and fifty (\$150) Dollars per month, and have given up the collection which had been taken up at the close of each service.

Yet the Sabbath School has been astray and seems likely to continue so even now that it is held in the morning when there is no other school in town.

Having no place to hold prayer meeting and no people to take part except Wesleyans who shouted us out of our elder's house that is taking a vacation. We expect to resume as a



meeting for studying the Sunday School lesson as soon as the International series can be started here. With regard to the situation here it is not safe to prophesy. A little affair last September started a variance or gave an opportunity. The outside do not like the inside and evidently such a state of things is unpleasant, inefficient, and uncertain. I have heard from Walla at second hand a favorable report. But it is only a report.

Fraternally.

W. F. Mackinnon.

Willowbrook.

December 1, 1873.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

I take the liberty of sending to your address for my daughter Cornelia a letter which I hope you may have an opportunity of giving to her if she should call at your home -- on her way to Fort Blair, New Mexico.

Mr. Jackson very kindly invited her to go directly to your residence on her arrival at Denver. I think she will be there by Saturday evening -- she left home this morning, and is to go via Baltimore to St. Louis, and from St. Louis to Denver, from Denver she goes to Pueblo where Gen. Magruder expects to meet her with an ambulance. It is a long journey for her to take at this season of the year, but I hope she will find a good escort in St. Louis; she went with Gen. Blair's son from here to St. Louis. If anything should prevent my daughter from calling at your house when she passes through Denver please address this letter to the care of Gen. Alexander, Fort Union, New Mexico.

I enjoyed my brief visit with Mr. Jackson very much and I regret very much that I could not have seen more of him. I am deeply interested in his great mission and please say to him that I hope he will write to me soon after his return home as I am very anxious to hear from him and about his visit at Washington. I was quite disappointed that he could not visit Gen. Hutton at West Point but I knew that he had more to do than he could possibly accomplish and I felt very grateful for the time he gave to our friends in Albany. I told Mrs. Jackson that I shall have the pleasure of receiving a visit from you when you come again to our state. I feel deeply interested in your family and love you for your work's sake. With kind remembrances to Mr. Jackson and my regards to your family, believe me,

Very sincerely your friend,

Cornelia S. Martin.

If my daughter should not reach Denver by Monday or Tuesday of next week please forward the letter to Fort Union.



Helena, Montana, December 3, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter was duly received. I believe that you are sincerely desirous to see the cause of our church prosper in all the territories, not excepting Montana, and I am willing to cooperate with you in the work here, and give you heartily all proper support.

While something is the wonder of some of your promises and efforts, yet there are few men indeed of whom that could be said, believing you to be zealous in our common cause, of course shall assist you gladly. While you may feel injured by the late action of Presbytery it was taken with no malice on our part or anything but the kindest expressions on the part of nearly all toward yourself. It appeared as if there were an error in making promises which could not be kept, but we generally thought that it was due to zeal rather than anything else (see note).

Personal considerations should be left in abeyance before the great interests of the church and let us work together harmoniously united in love to our Lord.

We greatly need a live man for the Bozeman Circuit and one for the Missoula. Brother Frackelton was indiscreet in some manner and is in bad odor among many of the people. It would be well if he were located elsewhere than in Montana. I write this privately and it is not to be mentioned beyond the Secretaries of the Board for Brother Frackelton and I are friends. I do not desire to injure him in any way. He is a good worker and I think that his labor was not in vain, but the facts remain.

The ladies of the congregation have fitted up two rooms for my use in a most attractive and comfortable fashion so that I am quite comfortable for the winter.

They gave me a very pleasant surprise. Having taken possession during my absence and welcomed me on my return with a home full of people the evening passed away quite happily, and after refreshments and general handshaking the company adjourned leaving a greatly increased and pleased pastor. To how many congregations can it be said so that and so likewise--

Our Sabbath School is interesting and prosperous, over 100 scholars are in attendance. Library numbers 154 volumes. Presbyterian of Work, Abbott's School Visitor, and Westminster Lesson Leaver, come regularly. The outlook is encouraging. Could you not give us samples of plans for a neat cheap church (brick) seating 200. We expect to build next spring.

Yours truly,

W. C. Russell

Great City, December 5, 1873.

Rev. Charles Jackson,

My dear Christian Brother:

None of the utmost importance to the welfare of our church in this place, in my opinion, demands your presence



here at the earliest day possible. I will not now enter upon particulars, farther than to say, that difficulties between Mr. Bell and a considerable number of his church members, and society supporters have arisen, which, unless removed at once, will, I fear, effectually destroy his usefulness here as our minister. In justice to Mr. Bell and to our Church these matters should be inquired into immediately. I trust you can visit us as soon as you return home from your eastern trip. If you cannot do so, please write to me when you reach home.

Your Brother in Christ,  
J. E. Brewster.

West Chester, December 8, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother:

The draft for the three hundred dollars was sent by me for you to spend in relieving the necessities of our sick and needy missionaries. I regret more than I can tell you the loss of the letter containing it. There were some things in it which might be productive of unkind feelings in my family if found by any one who might communicate them. Merely some explanations. I am very ill at present, or at least have not been able to be about the house for near four months. Have heart disease -- have not often lain down at night without feeling that I might sleep the sleep which knows no waking in this world. I asked in my letter that you would remember me especially in your prayers. I am not naturally a hopeful person, and my illness has not made me more so. While I know that my Redeemer liveth yet I have not the confidence and trust I long for. I know that God's grace can raise us above our natural temperaments, and I try to pray almost without ceasing that I may have that assurance of hope which would take away that shrinking from death and the unseen future which has been a harassment to me all along my journey. All my life time subject to bondage.

Use the draft in such a way as seems best to yourself. I don't want it publicly acknowledged. If you write at any time still direct to Mrs. Hickson and if I have gone home she will destroy the letter. I find I have written on a sheet which has something written on the other side so shall have to tear it off. See first page.

Do not the officers of the bank know who handed in the draft? Could not the letter be traced in that way? And was it not strange that any one should have opened a letter addressed to you? I am thankful they were sufficiently honest to hand it in.

Your sister in Christ,  
P. A. Brooks.



New York, December 8, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

The Young Woman's Bible Class connected with the Young Ladies Christian Association of this city under my care, is desirous of making some suitable offering at the beginning of the year, and as the sum contributed is too small to supply a missionary box we thought that a Communion Service for some church under your care might be acceptable. I therefore take the liberty of asking your advice and direction in the matter. While we much prefer sending the Service yet if you suggest any better way we shall be much obliged and act accordingly.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible, with good wishes,

Yours truly,

(Miss) Ella Doherty.

222 West 12th Street.

Colorado Springs, December 12, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Whilst waiting for my Bible Class to assemble in my study I will drop you a few lines.

Your postal came duly to hand. I don't want my name put to the poem you speak of, but do not object to its being given with any other articles I sent you, unless I specially request the contrary. I will try and have a short article of some kind ready for you soon.

Can you stop on your way from Pueblo and spend the 21st with me? I very much wish you would.

Our Communion is next Sabbath; we expect about a dozen additions, three of whom will come to the Lord's table for the first time. Still others will unite at the next Communion, not yet having their letters.

We greatly need an outpouring of God's Spirit, and I feel encouraged to hope for it.

I left some articles at Chain's book store which, if it is convenient, I wish you would bring along with you. You need not take the trouble to bring the old cane that Gage left there for me; but I must have left there the bottom to an inkstand that I bought when I was up and two small picture frames. I don't know where I could have left them if not at Chain's. I have no remembrance of picking them up with my other bundles.

Brown had things pretty much his own way at Presbytery. It will be a sad thing for Presbyterianism if he is allowed to take charge of that Mission church. I doubt very much if Presbytery will put the call into his hands.

Ever yours,

J.



Golder,

December 15, 1873.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I received your note of the 11th in due time and most sincerely thank you for your kindness and interest in behalf of myself and family.

The appropriation from the Board of Missions will be very acceptable a box of clothing. God has been very good to us in providing for our necessities since the death of my dear husband, but Oh, how much we all miss him no one can know the loss that has not experienced it.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson in bonds of  
Christian love,  
J. F. Smith.

Fairplay, Colorado, December 15, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I would like to state to you plainly and frankly the condition of our church and see if you can do anything to alleviate our condition.

First, let me tell you where we are obliged to worship. It is in a crazy old log school house. As unattractive a place as you can well imagine. When the wind blows it is very uncomfortable and I am quite sure to have a small audience.

As these people are generally unaccustomed to church going, straws are sufficient obstacles to keep them at home. The school house is very poorly arranged and seated for a public audience. Our Sunday School is progressing finely and almost all of the children of town are gathered in. The room is too small to do the school the justice they demand. Then in a place where during the week the scholars run wild, it is hard very hard, to make it seem in the least sacred.

I hope you will gather from this what are our imperative wants, for as much at least as a little chapel. People who have comfortable churches are hardly aware how much of their success depends upon them. Experience proves that a minister's labors, humbly speaking, are almost in vain without a church, as a center to gather about and around which may cluster sacred associations. I feel the force of this, especially in my public efforts.

Again our demands are immediate. Not only on account of present inconvenience, but that we may be in readiness for the prospective influx of population at the opening of spring. That we may be able to give them at once respectable religious opportunities and keep them from sinking into indifference.

And now let me state that if we build, our means must in a great measure come from abroad. About two-thirds of our town was destroyed by fire in September last. This, together with the panic, makes it doubly hard times here. All the money the people can get will be used in rebuilding. Money at the present



time is almost out of the question. Our plans for building are briefly these. To erect a chapel in such a place that when the demand comes for a main building, as it evidently will, the chapel will be adjoining. Building materials are very expensive here and the cost of a plain chapel is estimated at \$800. Now if two or three hundred dollars can be raised at once from our friends abroad, it can be built for much of the material can be bought on time and another season when capital come in, together with the assistance of the Board of Erection, we shall be able to complete and furnish it. Oh, how it would rejoice and encourage our Christian hearts to see this result! No place needs more all the advantages the gospel can give than Fairplay. Be assured that a little aid will do great good and be most gratefully received.

Yours in Christ,  
H. E. Finks.

Fairplay, Colorado, December 15, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:

My heart is swelling with thankfulness this morning. Let me tell you why. Yesterday was encouraging both in Sunday School and evening service. A ray of sunshine broke through the dark cloud. There were 42 in Sunday School. Have only had that number once before. As we hold it in school house where there is no discipline during the week it has been hard to discipline, but now with the indispensable assistance of my dear wife we get them quite respectable. Boys that have no decent treatment at home are getting to respect us. In the summer when we commenced we had only one boy. Yesterday had 17 and have had in 21 different ones. The children like the Sunday School and there has been the only light to brighten us during the last weeks. We have the only Sunday School and have all the children of the town in but two or three families and think we will have all in in a short time. Our new library is very pleasing and attractive. Voted in Sunday School yesterday to use the amount contributed there to pay freight on books, 7.50 and have enough to do it.

Mr. Buckner is 25 miles below and came up four weeks ago and had an audience of seven. A man who favors them but cares nothing for Buckner worked by getting men to come in for a drink of whiskey and got two weeks later a large congregation.

He made another big effort for last evening for he is just scarily and narrow enough to be jealous of our prosperity. Buckner did not come; last evening, I had an audience of 42. A number of most respectable people and some who had never been in. Took up a collection for Christmas tree. As we had no other way that I chose to take for raising a little fund, and received \$6.40. I have not asked for but one collection before from this congregation.

I also sent to the American Tract Society for your papers,



Christian Weekly, &c. and those I have distributed. All this I may say, obtains the favor of the people and they feel under obligation to me. So I say a little kindness goes a good way, getting their permanent respect. I hope to win them to Christ. Men and women who have not attended church since I came till of late now attend regularly. I am preaching to arouse them and my words sharper than a two-edged sword. Pray for us Mr. Jackson that our people may be changed from their godless condition.

The people have been of late in a very indifferent condition. A little storm keeps them from coming to the old school house and it has seemed discouraging to work hard all week on a sermon and then have no one desire to hear it; still I have thought it might be just the discipline for me and just the humbling I needed.

You are right in all you have said in regard to this country developing a man for he has no rule to run in, but he must start out alone. If any thing is done he must do it and go ahead. I received your card which offers to assist us in raising \$200. How kind in you. You always come to our assistance in the right time. The money you let me have has kept me out of debt all summer and it was a great kindness to me. Send you \$5 in N. O. order. Hope to see you soon.

Received December quarterly dues with exception that they have not yet received my freight bill and extra expenses to Fairplay, which I am sure, according to agreement are of mine. It makes 100 difference which I cannot afford to lose. Have written hoping it will be rectified. If it should not I shall have to have you plead my case.

About that article. I don't know how to write it - am fearful you have given me so large an audience - but I'll try and do the best I can.

Yours &c.

D. E. Fiske.

City, Colorado, December 21, 1873.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Brother -

Mr. Bell is writing and by his request I enclose a few lines. With regard to the case of former charges sent to Presbytery against him would say that they make no impression upon my mind, for I have every reason to believe that they are false.

Is it reasonable to suppose that any man who has been guilty of the acts set forth in these charges, would so suddenly turn about and be just the opposite? Could Mr. Bell be what he is if he were guilty of these charges? I think not; and so I doubt not, would the most intelligent portion of this community think even the charges made justly. Yet, even if the fact were not known that he had once vindicated himself as well as he could, in such terrible circumstances of domestic



trial, against these same charges. I, as you well know, have been married almost a year, and been with Mr. Bell constantly, yet, in that time I have found him wanting in no respect. He is a good provider and a kind and loving husband. Only wish I was more worthy of so good and noble a man.

With regard to church difficulties I can say but little. Husband and I cannot imagine what the trouble is that should lead to Mr. Brewster's sending unbeknown to us, for you. We hope you will come. We are aware that there is not that sympathy and love existing between pastor and members that is to be desired. It grieves and tries us greatly but what can we do? Mr. Bell know has done nothing but what he thought was his duty, and for the good of the church, and that from the purest and best of motives. In some instances he has displeased certain parties, but in every such case, that has come to his knowledge he has been to the disaffected person and tried to give satisfactory explanation of the course taken. What a happy thing it would be if the time spent by church members in finding fault with their pastor was only spent in praying for him.

Accept my thanks for your friendly regard for me expressed in your letter. With best wishes for yourself and wife I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. J. D. Bell.

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Princeton, New Jersey, December 22, 1873.  
 Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Denver, Colorado.

Dear Brother:

I broke down completely a few weeks ago and have given up my college course, and all study for a year or two. Will be ready to go into some Western field by February 1st. I have not decided where to go -- several fields have been urged upon me, but I shall not decide for two or three weeks yet. If you can send descriptions of your most pressing fields it will be a great help in my work with the seminary students. Several of them are in correspondence with churches in California and Washington Territory, and calls are coming to them from the East, so that whatsoever is done for your field must be done soon.

Be here in January is possible. Remember me to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in Christ,

C. F. Egbert,

Princeton, N. J.

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Idaho December 22, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson.

I do not wish to have charge of Idaho Church any longer than our spring season of February. We want a young man. I think it is the best for the cause. I feel that I cannot do the Pastor's work in visiting--that ought to be done, and I think if we can get a young man we can do well for the cause, mean time I will still do what I can to help, but will give my attention principally to mining.

Will you please get us a man. The people were very much pleased with a sermon preached by Brother Sage. I think a man like him would suit us.

Please have a man ready by February to take my place. We must not fail to keep up preaching like we did before. It would be ruin to us if we did. Brother Frederick Ross gave his name for your paper. I suppose he will send you the money when the paper comes. His address is Idaho.

Kind regards to family.

Yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,

George Rice.

Salt Lake City, Utah, December 24, 1873.

Dear Jackson:

Your card came to hand last night. I want to ask whether you ever got any one to send Schell a suit of clothes? I guess the fellow is needy. I know he is very much so unless you have supplied him. I think he needs undersclothes and shirts also. I just got a letter from him last night. I advised him to make application to the Board of Church Erection for \$300 to pay off the balance of their debt \$500. Some of the Mining Committees did not come to time as they expected and some other parties. I think it would be well for our Board to have a lien on the property, so that in the event of Schell's leaving we can control the church, otherwise it may pass out of our hands entire. They are not very sound on the question up here you know. I have no doubt but what the \$500 balance could be raised in Alta next spring after the camp opens up but I think the \$300 from the Board will be a good precautionary investment.

We are to have a Christmas tree in our Sunday School tomorrow. Everything indicates that we are to have a nice time. We have about one hundred and twenty-five in the school now. We had a church sociable last week; about sixty persons present. Everything went off as enjoyable as you please. I am in favor of putting a good man in Pinckney. I know of eight members of our church there and there may be more; there is no service of any kind there. The Camp promises better to-day than ever before.

Kind regards and a happy Christmas to Mrs. Jackson and the children. I am glad to know that Presbyterian work grows spicy in Fenver. Your brother in Christ, Welch.



Fairplay, Colorado. December 27, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson:  
I have been unable to complete the article earlier. Christmas tree a grand success with but little money. Sunday School numbers over 50 now. Had a Christmas present of Sunday School library from Lebanon, Pennsylvania -- 77 volumes.

Have not had quite so much time for article as I had liked. But should you wish any more, on such subjects as Ministerial Influence in every day life &c. I may do better.

Mrs. Finks sends love to Mrs. Jackson.

Very truly yours,

D. E. Finks.

Princeton, New Jersey, December 29, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Brother:

I have just received a letter from Dr. Dickson in which he speaks of my being ordained as an evangelist and going to Santa Fe. I would like to know your opinion. You have had some opportunities to judge of my qualifications, fitness for that place, &c. Would I suit there? What style of preaching would do most good there? What the best way of reaching it? When and where would you suggest my ordination?

Any other information will be gratefully received. Please write me at your earliest convenience as several places are before me concerning which I must soon decide. Mention the summer climate of Santa Fe.

Your paper is a very welcome visitor -- received to-day your No. of January 7.

I heard last week from Laramie; hear frequently from Nevada and California.

Yours in Christ,

J. P. Aghert,

Princeton, N. J.

Colorado Springs, December 29, 1873.

My dear Brother:

Enclosed I send you an article for your paper, which in the pressure of my engagements I have not time to copy. I trust you can read it. It may not be what you want, but it is the best I can do for you now.

You will be gratified to learn that, by a little exertion last week, we succeeded in collecting enough to pay off a note of \$400 held against the church. This leaves a balance of something over \$200. For this I have provided by circulating coupon notes similar to those issued at Central. Enough of these have been taken to cover the balance and the whole debt will therefore be wiped out by June 1st, 1874, when the last coupons are due.



I intend getting more of them taken however to provide for the furnishing of the church. I hope soon to have the walls finished and the floor carpeted. By the way I see that you are down on the Subscription book for \$10 of the \$25 you subscribed.

At our communion two weeks ago ten persons united with us -- five by letter, five by profession; two of them were baptized (adults). Besides this three children were baptized. It was an interesting season. I am well and have my hands full. I wish you could come down some Sunday and relieve me.

I have preached very hard since I came here twice a Sunday besides taking charge of the Sunday School.

Has Mr. Sample arrived? With love to the family.

Ever yours in toil till glory,  
J. G. Lowrie.

Georgetown, Colorado, December 29, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
216 Colfax Avenue, Denver.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 27th instant reached me to-day. I will receive the package you allude to and distribute to those in our congregation -- I suppose the Postmaster could do it through the Postoffice Boxes, if he was inclined to do so -- but it might not be agreeable.

We are progressing with our Church building - slow but sure - hope to get the ceiling and sides plastered in all of January. I wish I could say our Congregation was progressing, but it is not and will not, until we make a change, which must be done in the spring.

Yours truly,  
W. Bement.

Trinidad, Colorado, December 30, 1873.

Dear brother Jackson:

Have been pretty busy and not very well for a little while past, so the article promised you is delayed almost to the last date you mentioned. Was not feeling able for work last week, yet made the attempt to comply with your request: with such poor success, however.

Several articles were thrown into the fire as soon as completed. The accompanying one is written hurriedly, but if it will subserve any good purpose, you are welcome to it. If it is not worth publishing I will not feel badly should it fail to appear in print. My experience and observation have been quite limited, and one cannot write of things beyond these with much vividness.

My quarter's salary came to-day and was very grateful. Rents very high, and next to impossible to get a house, so on advice of friends here I purchased a small adobe with two rooms.



giving notes maturing ninety days after my quarter is up for this and three quarters more. We are very much encouraged here so far as attendance goes, and our prospect of a permanent congregation is good. Some who had been pretty well bled by the Mining Companies were a little shy of us at first, but are now attending pretty regularly. We don't push money matters at present except to take up a monthly collection for running expenses. We rent Rice Institute, pay \$10 per month and furnishing lamps, oil, and fuel. It barely accommodates our evening congregation, which is steadily increasing, though at first I feared to flatter my congregation or their gathering would not continue. The Methodist Episcopalians (north) have very little left but their building and a few female members. Sympathize with their pastor in losing such of his congregation though cannot but rejoice that my own denomination has been so well received and has such good prospects.

In October last I received a letter from a lady, Mrs. Jones, representing a church society there, and offering clothing and money to me and my family as a home missionary. Replied, giving some sizes asked for, and saying anything sent would be gratefully received and acknowledged. Have heard nothing in return, though that was more than two months ago. A little change, I thought.

Judge D. D. Taylor representing the 9th district in the Council, started for Denver to-day. His wife belonged, since coming here to the Methodists, but both he and she have been attending our services regularly. If you wish to ask any questions about the town or congregation, I presume he could give you the information. He is brother-in-law to T. Phillips, one of our elders. Both are elders and splendid men; and having had a brief experience without any such help, I can appreciate them. Mrs. Robb sends regards. If you conclude to come this way let me know as long before hand as possible.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. F. Robb.

Fairplay, Colorado, December 30, 1873.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have received my dues from Home Mission on freight and so I send you dues. Furniture \$94.35; Cash borrowed \$25.00, One subscription to Presbyterian; \$1.00; Interest for 6 months \$5.00 -- Total \$125.35 Paid \$40.00 Balance \$85.35

I have written several letters East for money. Received \$25. from a platemate's church at Waterloo.

I hope and pray you will succeed also in raising us something.

Very truly yours,  
D. M. Ficks. (over)



One box has been sent us 3 weeks and over ago. Was sent by Express they said. Our box of books came in one week or less. We did not know but it might be delayed in Denver in Express or Freight office.

Missoula,

December 31, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Pastor:

Your kind letter dated October 5, has been longer answered than I intended it should be when it was received. My school has been quite large all winter and has taken all my time through the day. My eyes are still too weak to use at night.

I am having a vacation this week; my present term closes the 9th of January. If there is no more public money I will open a select term right away.

I received a very kind letter a short time since from Mrs. James B. Kelley of Albany, New York. It contained a draft for \$100. It was very acceptable and highly appreciated. I feel very grateful to them for their kind favor, and equally as much so to you, Mr. Jackson, for the kind interest you have manifested in me.

I also received a bill of lading for Maps and books sent from the house of A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. I presume they will not get here before spring as there will be no freight wagons in before that time. I am anxiously waiting for them as I need them very much. What are the books?

The papers and magazines sent by you have been received promptly and distributed. Please accept thanks.

We do not have a minister here more than half the time this winter. The Sunday School is carried on regularly -- it is a Methodist school but the majority of its workers are Presbyterians. Mr. Kenneth is the superintendent. He is a good man and an ornament to any church in any country. He is going to bring his sister out next spring to keep house for him; she is a good Presbyterian. Miss \_\_\_\_\_ who came here last spring is married and settled here.

I think a minister would find this a very pleasant field to labor in. The Presbyterian ministers take better in this country than any others. Mr. Dom \_\_\_\_\_ and Mr. Russell are the most popular ministers in the Territory. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ is said to be the best they have ever had in this country. I have not met him since we separated at Ryan's Station coming into the country. He wants to come down here to preach sometime but the people in Helena will not let him leave them long enough. I did not think it advisable to attempt sociables until a minister would be sent here. It is so much harder to do anything for the church here than it is in the east; you know the popular feeling is against it so much. If I carry the Presbyterian element too far it injures me in the school. One



third of my pupils are Catholics; if I offend them they will withdraw their children and place them in the Sisters' school.

Could you tell me Mr. Jackson, where I can send to to get those "Mission Comforters"? I want one for my school room and one for a Christian old lady who lives here -- (Grandma P.).

This has been a very mild winter; we have had but little snow.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson and the little girls.

Wishing you are all well I will close by wishing you a prosperous and happy New Year.

Respectfully your friend,

Cornelia P. Sims.



Bozeman, Montana Territory;  
January 2d, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson;-

In your recent letter, you ask if there is some one who will receive and distribute the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian." J. H. Taylor, Post Master of Bozemen and Elder in our church will do it, if you will send him a list of the names, and if we can get new subscribers we will do so.

Hope the Communion Sett will be found all safe. Our winter is this far pleasant. Snow now about eight to ten inches over the valley. The Madison River has gorged with floating ice and overflowed in consequence about Gallatin City so as to drive some of the settlers from their homes and to make the passing from this to Willow Creek so almost impossible that I shall be hindered from filling my appointment to preach there this month.

There is a vacation of two weeks in Miss Crittenden's school, and on the 31st ult. she attended a wedding with me near Hamilton - a real joyous "country wedding" at which they had about eighty guests with music and dancing and a substantial supper.

The Ray family which went into the church organization at Gallatin City from the Methodist Episcopal ( ) Church have gone back, and there remains there only the Elder and Old Mrs. Alpin as members.

At Hamilton there remains of our church only Mrs. Heron, Mrs. Davidson, the Elder went to New York State last spring and remains there.

I am preaching once each month at these places, and visiting among the people. If we could have built a school house or a church, or both here in Bozeman last season it would have given us prestige which we have lost by delay. We must wait for the "fullness of time" in God's providence to witness the advance of the church and school interests. We have received a piano and box of books from the ladies of the "Mission School Association" New York. The value of these here are \$600 to \$700. I have contributed \$140 toward this and we will hold it for the school, but unless we can get a house and have some backers in the person of Presbyterians or of the Presbytery, raise up for the school, I do not see how we are to continue it. There is need here of just such a school as the one we have been trying to plant and hoped to see grow. The number of decided, well instructed, disciples of Christ are very few here and of Presbyterians fewer still.

Our business men and Ranchman are much discouraged just now. The valley is one of the best in the territory and will be settled, but now we are weak in numbers and resources.

If you have any "Session Books" will you send one by mail to "Elder" D. B. Sturgis, Willow Creek, via Gallatin City, Montana? The records of that church are on loose papers.



One week from to-morrow (D.V.) I am going to preach in a new log school house at Dig Creek and to organize a Sunday School, which I hope may be the germ of a permanent and growing religious assembly.

We thank you for the help you have instrumentally given to us.

We shall get through this winter with comfort, and trust the Lord will make our way plain afterwards, if our lives are spared, and thus leaning we desire to go forward.

with kindest regards for yourself and family,

yours in gospel labor,

L. B. Crittenden.

P. S. Don't publish this.

L. B. C.

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The Ladies Board of Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church, New York.  
January 5, 1874.

Dear Mr. Jackson;

I send you one of our annual reports and hope that you will have a notice of it in your paper. I perceive that you largely advertise the Phil. Periodical of Womens' Work for Women, when they do not pretend and are not willing to do the least thing for Home Mission - And "Our Mission Field" issued by our Board have never any notice at all.

Dr. Dickson thought we had not done much for Home Work, but our report shows the contrary. At all events we have done all we could. It is perhaps unfortunate for us that we did not turn our attention exclusively to Foreign Missions. If we had done so, we should have had a much larger receipt to show. Now when we have lost so much by our adhesion to the Home Work, that Board don't give us any credit for it.

Dr. Dickson seemed to acquiesce in what I said about uniting all that we could get in the New York Work and take that all off the Board. I am trying my best - but I am getting very much to feel that I don't know who is to be trusted. You know well that I have tried to do all I could.

I wrote Mr. Clum but have had no answer. Perhaps he can't understand any forbearance in that quarter about the school but God will

Yours truly,

J. M. Graham.

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Solomon, Kansas, January 5, 1874.

Dear Doctor;

I believe I am blessed (?) with the richest experience of dilatory, procrastinating, inefficient Eldership of any man in Kansas. I die daily on this account.



The Church is \$100 behind on '73 but they have set to-night for a settlement, and I shall probably get in my application soon. As I expected, they have raised but \$250. I shall ask \$500 of the Board as in /73, making \$750, but I assure you unless this field does better in future, or the Board is willing to make up what is lacking of \$900, I cannot stay longer than /74 - yet I am buoyed up with the hope that we will fill up this year and have a growth in all respects.

I meant to get a "letter for publication" to you ere this, but must plead other cares, and now I am not sure you will want to use this - but if not, please send it back.

I am respectfully yours,

William B. Cary.

P. S. I have lately received two boxes of library books for our Sunday School, about 200 volumes, which sets us up. If you find anybody who wants to give a special \$20 or so to a Sunday School, let them know of me.

All well. Boy been very sick but well again. S. B. Flemming, of whom I spoke, will go to Clyde probably and thus delight our Son Timothy's heart by making Highland Presbytery full, i.e. if somebody don't die or move away soon.

C.

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Rochester, January 5th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 22d ult received

several days since.

The papers you left in my hands in /71 are still with me, as also a portion of the new notes. As Mr. Cook assumed to arrange this matter, I have done nothing about it. In conversation with him on the subject two or three days ago, he said he would collect and remit what he could during the early part of January. He said also that quite a number had wanted to extend the time until this present winter and that he felt sanguine of collecting a considerable amount during the present month.

Our wheat crop is good but owing to panic and various causes, up to the first of December but little had been marketed.

I will keep track of what Mr. Cook does in this matter and write you again, and will cheerfully write you at any time when you wish to learn anything in regard to how matters stands.

By the way, the letter you wrote in July last addressed to Mr. Cook and myself, I handed to him and he remarked he would reply to it, but I don't know whether he did or not. If not, I regret I did not at least acknowledge receipt of it.



Our Mr. Newell we like exceedingly well. He is a man of great power in the pulpit, a thorough Western man out or it, well acquainted at once with everybody, and popular with all.

His wife is a very lovely woman but so much of an invalid that she has not been able to be at church but two or three times since coming here last August. She is, however, very active in Christian work and is the life of the Ladies Missionary Society, and has also organized a Mission Band of children who meet with her at the parsonage once in two weeks.

On the whole, while our church is rich in grace and spirituality, yet we are poor in temporalities and find it keeps us actively engaged to make both ends meet.

We hear occasionally from Mr. and Mrs. Killin who are settled at Mishawaka, Ind. very comfortably I hope, for I think both are worthy of it. I became very much attached to them and valued both Mr. Killin's sermons and friendship.

Mrs. T. joins with me in love to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

You will please remember me to Mr. Sample. Am sorry to hear that he has been obliged to give up his Minneapolis charge.

Yours truly,

P. S.-Henry Gove arrived hom Saturday - seems much improved.

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Monument, Col., Jan. 6, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear sir:-

Our young place has commenced its march of progress in good earnest. We have organized a Ditch Company to furnish water to the town and surrounding country. We have succeeded in getting the proprietors of the land on which the village is located to consent to the following plan, viz.--- Every other lot to be sold at a nominal price (ten to twenty five dollars) to those who will build on them - all the proceeds of lots sold to go into a fund for town improvement, etc., etc., and now the feeling is becoming universal that we must have a church.

Services are practically discontinued at the Methodist Episcopal Church at

At our occasional services here the school house is sufficient to accommodate the people.

A growing interest in the success of the young town would induce many to help in the matter who "care for none of these things."

The feeling is that we should ascertain what church will give us the most outside assistance and all turn in and help that church erect an edifice. The question seems now to turn on the Presbyterian or the Baptist, with the former ahead.



A meeting was talked of for last night to determine upon the matter, but I persuaded a postponement of the matter for a week or two till I could write you, that we might announce definitely what the Presbyterian Church would do for us, both in the matter of assistance in putting up an edifice and in furnishing us a good minister.

We can raise not less than \$2000 to commence building in February, I think, but want to put up a good substantial edifice.

We will try to hold off the meeting till we can hear from you. Please answer as soon as this reaches you, every moment is precious.

Yours truly,  
A. T. Blachly.

Fort Collins, Col.  
January 8, 1874.

Dear Mr. Jackson;

Enclosed you will find four dollars (\$4) in payment for two copies of the weekly Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. One is for Mrs. Paul Flick, the address is Fort Collins.

Now, Mr. Jackson, I am behind on the monthly which you have been so kind as to send, and as the hard times still pinch us, I am afraid I shall have to be counted among the poor ones, but I did intend to pay it. All I can do at this time is to offer my poor thanks.

I will try to get some new subscribers for you, still I have not much hopes of getting any money is so scarce.

There is quite a religious interest in our neighborhood at this time. Two ministers by the name of Mc Cormic and Ross (United Brethern) are holding them and they have some converts. There has been meetings every evening since the new year came in and daily prayer meetings at the different houses. I wish it might reach Collins and warm some of the hearts in that place and make them of one mind. I so wish you could come among them, my heart aches so at the state of things.

I myself like Mr. Patterson and I use my influence to have his friends stand by him, but there are those that will pull down instead of building up.

I feel like saying many things but I know you must have many burdens to bear, and I do hope that every church under your watchful care don't have so much trouble, but the root of it I think is the disappointment some felt in not getting the man from New York that you started with. I have forgotten his name.

I fear that Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are doing much to hinder our cause. Oh pray for us that we may be united, a help to each other. Allow me to wish you and yours a happy New Year.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. George E. Buss.



Pioche, Nev., Jan. 14th, 1874.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

As I was unwilling to be ordained, I will not go to Santa Fe; but will spend a few months in Nevada then go to Los Angeles, Cal.

I leave for Eureka on Monday next, 19th, will stop a day or so at Laramie and at Salt Lake City. Will remain in Eureka a month.

I put your letters describing places, etc. in the hands of some students. You can secure some good men by coming soon.

Yours in Christ,

J. P. Egbert.

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Central City, January 16th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have been very anxious to see you for sometime. My only opportunity to go to Denver for a long interval was last Friday, and then had only a few hours in the city and failed to find you at home.

I was anxious to talk with you about my plans and projects for building a church at Boulder. We must have a house there soon and it must be a good one.

The Episcopalian minister and myself have bought one-half a block (three lots each) in what I think, after a residence of more than a year in the place, to be the most desirable location, and we propose to build on opposite corners.

I have drafted my building - 30 X 60 in the clear - brick walls - 16" buttress between windows - considerable cut stone finish - Gothic style - tower with spire 20 feet high audience room 30 X 46 - room in rear 14 X 30 - two aisles - white and black walnut pews - wainscoting on sides - heated by furnace.

From the figures on it by masons and carpenters cost when completed about \$7000

Every member of my church will really give beyond their means or what I expected of them, and many in the community are in sympathy with the movement and like my plans and will assist. But after all the nobody element is so strong in our community that we are not able to proceed, lest we should not complete the house.

Now my church will pay my expenses and I propose to go east about the first of February and try to get assistance. I know the times are hard but we must have a house, and I will spare no effort on my part to secure it. Rev. Brown (the Episcopalian minister) and myself expect to go east together.



The Congregationalists wish now to occupy their building every sabbath and that shuts us out in the cold. As I expect to go away soon they will allow us to preach there until I go.

With a building our growth would be much more rapid. but I need not speak to you or the innumerable benefits accruing from having a house of our own.

Now what do you think of my plan? It has been a matter of long and earnest thought and prayer. While the difficulties to be overcome and the discouragements to be met with are many and great, I confidently believe the Lord will bless us and that we will succeed.

Mr. Brown and I expect to give a short and, as far as lies in our power, instructive and entertaining lecture on Colorado and its mission work. We expect to visit the medium size towns and cities.

I would be glad to have any suggestions from you in regard to my lectures and the whole method of procedure. the line of travel (as that is not fully decided upon) etc.

Will you give me letters of introduction to persons of your acquaintance, either ministers or paymen, through the middle and western states?

I am here at present by invitation of Brother Gage and assisting him in a protracted meeting - think the indications are favorable for a good work. Pray God's blessing upon the efforts put forth. There is a deep and growing interest among the membership and the audiences are increasing in size. I go home to-morrow.

Render me such assistance as you can by counsel and prayer and you will receive the grateful thanks of myself and the little flock over which the Master has placed me.

Yours fraternally,

J. E. Anderson.

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Binghamton, N.Y., Jan. 17/74.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have \$400 to send you soon as I can bring things around right. I received your letter enclosing the letters from the pastor at Fair Play, also the circular from the Central City church. I have taken sometime to think the matter over and have pretty well decided on the following plan;--

1st.--Give \$50 toward the amount you are holden for the church at Rochester, Minn.

2nd.--Loan \$200 to the church at Central City on their giving the board or church erection good security payable in five or seven years, or as they think best.

3d.--\$150 to the church at Fair Play on the same terms.



I do this for these reasons - it often happens that a church at the end of five or seven years can well return the money given them to help otherstrug'g churches - but they get luke warm and do not freely give after having freely received. I do this the more to help the churches that need. Do not you think this is best? By so doing I can help the churches till they have better times and then the money will go to help others. Please see the people interested in those two churches and let me know. I think it will be best to let the board of church erection have the money for the two specified churches, and they can remit it to you at once and take the securities. Do not you think this would be the best way?

Let me hear from you as soon as you are prepared to answer. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

your brother,

G. M. T. Johnson.

P.S. Rev. R. H. Wilson Corresponding Secretary Church Erection - recommends me to let the church at Glasgow, Mo., have the money. That church has lately come to us from the Declaration and Testimony ranks & are much embarrassed and fear they will have to give up the church property, but my offering is so little. I prefer to help smaller obligations.

Let us hear from you soon,

yours,

G. M. T. J.

I did not mention to Mr. W. what churches I had in view. He suggested that if I had none in view that I give to the one he mentioned.

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Carson City, Nevada, January 9, 1874.

To Reverend Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother;-

I notice in the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian of January 7th, 1874, in an article entitled "The Empire of the Pacific" a statement, that the Presbytery of California was organized at Benicia February 20, 1850 and that I was present as a corresponding member. This is a mistake. I was present as one of the original members.

The organized Presbytery consisted of what is here sometimes called the three W's, viz.--Woodbridge, Williams, Woods. being one of the original members of the first Presbytery formed in California and deeming it about the highest honor of my life, excepting that of being the first elected Moderator of the Synod of the Pacific, I do not like to be deprived of it.

Most truly yours,

James Woods.

P.S. Did you get the article I wrote you in reference to in Nevada? I directed it to care of the Secretaries Kendall and Dickson, New York, as you desired. It was no account, but I thought I would send it. I should like to missionate amid the Rocky Mountains for a time if Providence should so direct.



Cheyenne, January 19, 1874.

Rev. and dear brother;-

Please find enclosed \$2 Mrs. Cooper's subscription for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. I will try and make the arrangement to have the monthly sent to

I sincerely hope the weekly will be a grand success. It is truly a venture.

I am so glad of your visit to us. The church and myself both will be benefitted by it.

I have written to Brother Arnold and Snyder will write him to-day.

I wish you would kindly speak to our good brother Brown, if you see him, as I may not be able to write him this week. Brown is a stirring man and a visit from him would help immensely.

Mrs. Cooper sends kind regards. We will do all in our power for the paper.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Cooper.

P. S. Will you please say in your paper that I have removed here on call of this people? My friends in Sch'dy will like to know why I came.

C.

Fort Collins, Col.

January 20, 1874.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Respected friend;-

This day the Trustees of the Presbyterian church was duly organized under the Statute of Colorado. Therefore we are all harmoniously and are ready to go to work with a will.

Can you send us or give us a fore of By-Laws that we might work in accordance with the church Rules and Regulations that we may not go astray in our deliberations? Please send us on receipt that we may form our laws - as we might to report one week from to-day, 27th.

In our election to-day W. C. Stover was elected President, A. K. Jorent Treasurer, and M. S. Vesceilius, Secretary, for a term of one year from date. Hoping that you will endeavor to assist us in all your might to do - Being now harmonious all that can be expected thinking enough for one day and for time to come. Now it looks as though we would build the church as contemplated. Out of harmony comes good.

Fraternally yours,

M. S. Vesceilius, Secretary  
of Board of Trustees.

Please send immediately.



Missoula, January 21, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
my dear Pastor;-

I have procured a few subscribers for your weekly, Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, and will to-day forward their names;-

Mr. Ferd Kennett, Mrs. Emil Menke, and myself. Enclosed find \$6. If I can procure any more names I will do so.

I opened a select school on last Monday, January 19th, and have seventeen pupils, four of that number I have taken as charity scholars, their parents are too poor to pay tuition and are anxious to have them in school. I expect three more next month.

The maps and globes came two weeks ago. They were sent from Corinne to Missoula by express. I paid \$19 charges on them. I am much pleased with them they will add much to the reputation of the school.

Miss Riznor is teaching the public school in Deer Lodge this winter. Miss Lawrence made herself so unpopular that she lost her situation and is now teaching a private school. She would like very much to get a foothold in Missoula. She is a strong Episcopalian and very bitter against our church.

The Presbyterians are working very hard to complete their church in Deer Lodge. They want to get into it next summer. Mrs. Smith is the principle worker. She seems to be first in everything. She has a better influence in Deer Lodge than anybody there, she is looked up to by everybody. She teaches in the Penitentiary and has done a good work among the convicts, one man in her class has been converted.

I wrote you a few weeks ago. Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson and the little girls.

Respectfully yours,  
Cornelia P. Sims.

Waukesha, Wis., Jan. 27, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson;-

I am here on a visit to my mother and shall return to Jackson new week. I have a C.D. for \$108 to send to you wherever and whenever you may direct. I am sorry I have not sent this before and would send it forthwith but do not know positively where to send.

I had a letter from Brother Wilson last night. He says of Dr. Musgrave's last "frantic appeal";- "I would like to ask him to bring forth a little of that wonderful ability that he used a year ago with such signal success--just a little."

The reverence D.D. has the Evangelist as well as the



Presbyterian under his thumb, it seems from the fact that the Evangelist has declined to publish an article of Wilson's in defence of Synod of St. Paul. What a thumb he must have.

My sister is confined to her room but sits up a little. She will not likely be any better but continue in this weak suffering condition as long as she lives.

I have had an informal call from two churches near home ( & Ottawa) but have flatly declined to consider it. I will go back to Jackson, hoping to see our church nearly finished.

In haste,

Yours fraternally,

Ed Savage.

Cannon City, Colorado Ter.

January 27th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson;

I called the ruling Elder to my house for a consultation shortly after you left, and frankly and plainly said to him that, if the church would settle with me and pay up, according to its pledges, all it is owing me, I was perfectly willing to resign the Cannon City charge; and that he might understand me as resigning said charge prospectively, or with the agreement that the resignation should take effect as soon as the church shall have paid me up fully. They are making arrangements to raise the money. But there is a great reaction taking place. Last Sabbath was my regular day, and I had done nothing whatever to bring the people out, further than to publish the usual notice, and yet the house was filled with as attentive a congregation as I ever preached to in my life. There were as many as fifty present in the morning, and as many as seventy-five or eighty in the evening, although three other churches were at the same time having services. Men speak to me almost every day, on the streets, telling me that every dollar of the \$300 pledged for the whole year could be raised in a short time, and saying to me that they are ready to help raise it. But I have fully determined to resign according to the understanding expressed, and have written to this effect to the board at New York. I have asked them to allow me to resign the Cannon City charge and retain the other two charges - Labron and Wet Mt. valley. I hope if they write to you about the matter, you will advise them to do this, it being agreed to by me that the entire ground and the entire appropriation shall be given up, as soon as the Cannon City church shall get another minister. Those two appointments especially the latter, are important, for many people of high intelligence and refinement, some of them scions of noble families, have names in Wet Mt. valley. The new mining town called Rosita, belongs to this valley;



and they have no regular preaching, except what a Methodist man and myself may give.

Brother Jackson, my wife wishes me to ask concerning the box of clothing. We will need it this winter very much.

My dear Brother, I am (and so is my wife) glad you came here. It was a great comfort to know that you understood exactly how to estimate the case, and how to avoid making anything worse. We shall ever feel grateful to you for your wise and kind course of action in the matter.

With many regards,

Yours truly,

J. D. Bell.

P. S. Please do not publish anything about the resignation until it has taken effect.

J. D. B.

Mission House, 25 Centre St., N.Y.,  
Feb. 4th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

You may have learned that I have been over about the same route we traveled a year ago visiting the central cities of the west, but this time to visit seminaries and see the brethren and not for popular meetings.

I went away just too soon to receive your note of the 29th of December, asking me to write an article about Nevada, and when I came home it was too late.

Let me suggest that you write to Rev. A. F. White of California (see Minutes for address) and get him to give you a letter on the subject. He was the Pioneer in that state and he is a graphic writer, or if you wish me still to give you an abstract of the whole work there for some coming number, I will do so, for I have the whole matter better in hand than he. But as to the beginning he knows all. Tell me what you wish.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall.

Deer Lodge, Montana  
Feb. 2, 1874.

Dear Frackelton:

I received your letter &c last week. Many thanks. Am sorry you are still sick-hope you may recover soon and do full work. We have not had a meeting of Pres. since you left. Have not members enough. Mr. Crittenden will not call us together. I hope we may have two or three more members by April when I will send you your letter. Just now I could not give you a letter. You would have to apply to synod. The church here is growing. They are building a house. Have all the money promised except about \$600. Expect to be in the house by June 1, Remmel is doing well. Crowded houses all the time. Excuse this "keerd" I'll try and send you a letter soon. Hope you may soon be well and at work.

Yours in X,

Respectfully

Russell.



St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 5, 1874.

Dear brother Jackson;-

It seems impossible for me to get much special matter prepared for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian for April. My engagements call me away from home so much just at this time. Is your paper still printed in Cincinnati? Perhaps I might get something ready for the first of March and send it to your printers.

Since the Synodical Con. saw fit to consolidate "The Church" with "The Interior" I have thought of having an edition of 3,000 papers similar to yours for the Synod of Missouri. We need some cheap paper which will reach every family. How can the thing be managed? I would like it to be a local paper as much as possible, bearing a local name, so that our people would know that it was identified without interests. We cannot send "The Interior" into every

it is too expensive. Dr. Gray once made me a proposition to publish such a paper, but I have mislaid the letter containing the terms, etc. But as you have experience in the matter, it might be advantageous to me to know how the matter works, and to receive such advice as you may be able to give.

Very truly yours,

. W. Allen.

Cannon City, Col. Ter.,  
February 5th, 1874.

Dear brother Jackson;-

I will make it a point to visit Wet Mt. Valley regularly during the winter, and Labron likewise. Sometimes the weather will be such as to prevent, i.e. there will be such weather as to render the trip useless. But during the warmer months, I expect to have my residence in the valley, and then, of course there will be nothing in the way whatever.

Mrs. Gowdy called here, and took dinner with us. She is a good worker, and I have many times wished she were here.

Rosita, as well as Ula is a good appointment, and will appreciate labors enough, I think, to pay something for them.

At Labron the people have been getting ready a new school house, and as soon as it is completed, all will be clean in that direction for continuous labor.

I don't know whether the church here will succeed in raising the amount which they owe me. There is no backing or their operations by the people; but on the contrary, there is a very decided opposition and even aversion to their schemes. I do not know when they will settle with me. They seem about to have relaxed entirely in their zealous undertaking to get



me off, and not to know what to do. The simple fact is, the people of the two towns are against them. But I am not at all in their way, in any manner. I am desirous to quit working for them, and have told the Board in New York so. It will, however, be pleasant for me to continue to work at the country appointments, and I trust the Board will let me do it. I can do a great deal of good on that arrangement, and can have nice treatment.

My friend, B. F. Harris, of the Presbyterian church of Newton, Ill. (to whom I have related recent occurrences) says he is going to write to you his grateful feelings for your kind, wise, and noble course of action towards me.

My wife wishes me to say for her, that she remembers you with pleasure, and desires to be named affectionately to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours truly,  
John D. Seil.

Fairplay, Colo., Feb. 6, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Your papers received and distributed. Will take up collection sometime in future.

I want to know if you are succeeding in getting any funds for us? We want to make an effort towards building church soon.

Had pleasant church sociable last Wednesday evening. Our box is on the way from Colorado Springs.

Yours fraternally,

Binghamton, N.Y., Feb. 7th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother;-

Your letter of January 31st was received by me on the morning of the 5th, quick time. In reply, I agree with your plan as to the manner of loaning the money. Enclosed I send you a draft of \$400 which please apply as follows,

1st, \$50 toward your indebtedness on the Rochester, Minn., church.

2nd, Loan \$150 to the Presbyterian church at Fairplay, Col. on bond and mortgage payable to the board or church erection of the Presbyterian church.

3rd, Loan \$200 to the Presbyterian church at Central City, Col. on the same plan.

\$300 of this is from my deceased wife.



Fairplay, Colorado,  
February 9, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother;-

I want to give you a few rays of sunlight to cheer up the gloomy sheets I've sent you or late. Yesterday was a prosperous day and I feel like telling you of it. On account of having Sunday School and evening services here, I have thought I hardly had strength to go to Alma and preach besides. Still I've felt that they should have preaching, so Saturday I ventured out to see them. Made several calls advertised it well that there would be services in the new school house at three o'clock. As the result I had an audience of forty-five, intelligent and attentive. Took up a collection after having preached on the text "With what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again" and received \$7.00. Heretofore there has been no convenient place to hold services, but it was so easy and comfortable a place to speak in that I announced that I would attempt to preach every Sabbath afternoon. They are also considering the subject of getting me up a class to instruct in singing. I consent to take such extra work, feeling that to improve their wretched singing would be a good and necessary step to religious interest, and profitable worship. Singing has done most to make our Sunday school here what it is. If I do say it, our Sunday school concerts are better than many I've seen in cities.

By the way, Mr. Jackson, when I was in the Seminary, I prepared in part an article on the importance of teaching music in the Seminary course. I think there should be a professorship established.

What I should have done here without music, I do not know. But it seems as if I should not do anything humanly speaking. No one to even pitch a tune and unless I sang straight through, unless it is a very familiar tune, they'll break down. It makes it much harder for me to do it all so, but still very essential to the interests of the worship. Singing is the life of a prayer meeting. How few ministers can sing to any profit. I know that one who should devote his time to making music practical would give more life to the ministry than almost any other professor in the Seminary. More profit than all the theorizing about "Go to visit the sick", etc. because those things can be learned by experience, but if one knows nothing about music when he leaves the Seminary, he probably never will.

A Mr. Atwater was in to our Sunday school yesterday. Is from near Chicago. Intends bringing family soon to live here. Should judge him to be an earnest Christian, but I find that you can't always tell. E.g. Mr. Holland, a man of wealth, has built smelting works and laid out a new place near here, called Holland. Made speeches to Sunday school, attended prayer



meetings, seemed very earnest, but before he left for Chicago he had supper for the miners and had champagne, with all its accompaniments. He has fallen in estimation of all, even the irreligious.

Have you obtained any funds yet for our church? I am almost of a mind to start on it and run risks, yet I hardly want to take such a responsibility, it will cost \$600 to \$700 to enclose it. I am sure it is to be raised another summer, but I don't want to wait till then for nothing would help us so much as a good place to worship. The Methodists have \$500 outside and think of building. If we come in after them we shall have a much harder time to raise money here.

Very truly yours,

D. E. Finks.

Cannon City, February 28d, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Enclosed I send you James Cieliana's check on Colorado National Bank, Denver, in your favor for \$15 to refund amount expended by you on your trip here a few weeks since.

On the 21st inst I paid Mr. Bell \$100 in full for his services to date and I suppose he will at once send in his resignation as official Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Cannon City, which he has promised me he would do, and which will be in accordance with the wish of every member of the church (except two, whose signature were not obtained, being absent from town) as expressed in their letter to him under date of January 20th, 1874. I suppose the Home Mission Board are advised of the condition of things here, and will see that their funds are no longer used for Mr. Bell's support on this field. Their money has been shamefully wasted here since Mr. Bell's reappointment last fall.

I regard to a supply of our pulpit for the future, I hardly know just what to say. Of course we want preaching as often as we can get it. We have thought of inviting Mr.

to preach for us, and if his services should prove acceptable to the people, would it be well to ask him to supply us for a while? Have you any plan in regard to us? Or any suggestion to make?

My own services, I am advised by the C. C. I. Co. will again be required at South Pueblo, on the first of March, and I presume I shall be there much of the time the coming spring and summer.

I think the material prospects of Cannon City are brightening, and I am decidedly in favor of providing ourselves with a place of worship of our own before another winter, even though it be but a cheap and temporary building.



Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours Brother in Christ,

J. K. Brewster.

N. B.

Mr. Bell has preached in Cannon City but four times since October first, 1873, and I believe once each at Labran and at the latter place when there on business connected with his duties as County Superintendent of Schools. He wished us to pay him an additional \$25 which we declined doing. He may ask from the Board more also than he is justly entitled to receive, in which case I think he will only be paid for actual labor performed, as above stated, and not for time which has elapsed since October first. He has not rendered any Pastoral services except to preach. May not try to do so, nor could he have done so had he tried.

B.

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Longmont, Colorado, March 1st, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson;-

Your letters both received. Very busy, still ;reaching, visiting and sewing. Go to Cairn in the morning. Lord's Supper there next Sabbath. Have acknowledged you see, the receipt of the check.

Campbell does not come over and help, am sorry, will be alone. Hope the Lord will come, I am a cipher, the Lord ten and that makes a hundred.

Will endeavor to go to sunshine before Presbytery and report.

We have nearly \$1,000 subscribed. Prospects better and better. Buckingham and wife have united and each put down \$75. Good for them. Daily prayer-meeting still held, improving.

God abundantly bless you and all yours and help you in building up our beloved Zion.

Fraternally, etc.,

W.F. Lietsworth.

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Ft. Collins, Larimer Co., Col.  
March 4th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

I enclose to your address the application of the Ft. Collins Church to the Board of Home Missions for aid. I do this because I do not know who the Committee are, there have been so many changes in Denver of which I could not keep the run.

Will you please have it attended to at once, as it is already too late.

With reference to the state of our finances, I had some correspondence with our Secretaries, and the state of the case is stated to them.

I hope to be able to give you a further account of matters at the approaching meeting of the Presbytery.

I have made progress in getting subscriptions for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian at fifty cents.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Patterson.

Laramie, Wyoming Terr.,  
March 5th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson;-

I have copied those papers on file and sent them to Cooper.

I shall be so glad when we get rid of him and yet I believe he will make trouble wherever he goes. At Evaston he had a good opportunity to build up his but I do not think it is in him. So we must be careful about giving him clean papers when he leaves us. I think I never saw a man so little humbled by his own folly.

Enclosed please find a letter from Mr. Dickson, and when you write please return same with our expenses.

I do not see how we can possibly get along on \$1300. I think we shall leave and go east when there is an opening. On the account of the education of my children I would like to go some place in Nevada. Do you know of any opening? I am willing to labor in a small church, but do not wish to go to a church without an edifice. I have built three churches, and do not wish to undertake another. In Rome, Ohio I labored ten years, and then went to Iowa where I became Home Missionary, and from there here. If you should know of any vacant church within a few miles of a good academy, please put them in correspondence with me.

I may go east in May or June, that will depend on my getting a

little has been very low with the scarlet fever, but is now a little improved.

In haste yours in Christ,

F. S. Henolt.



Trinidad, Colorado,

March 12th, 1877.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Yours of the 5th inst. received. We were sorry to hear that you could not visit us this spring. It is simply impossible for us to go to Presbytery this spring. Have not a dollar and almost every dime of my last quarter's salary will have to go as soon as I get it, to pay on my house, and for other expenses already incurred. If any action is necessary at Presbytery with reference to my salary from the Board, I wish you would be so kind as to attend to it.

We are now seriously canvassing the matter of a church building, and will have to give up all idea of an organ and other conveniences indefinitely. A building of some kind we must have, and none suitable is offered for rent. The school house that we use has a music room attached by folding doors; but our attendance crowds both rooms every Sunday evening. There are three other protestant services, but I do not think their aggregate attendance would be more than one-half of one of our evening congregations. But still we are very poor financially. Capt Stark has as hard work to make both ends meet as any good man ought to have, although he is liberal to a fault. Mr. Phillips, the other Elder, is a carpenter, and has not much money. Mr. Gavert is on the staff and is not very able, tho I am not positively informed as to his circumstances. Most of those in town who are able to help us, were tried so deeply by the M. E. church, that they keep shy of us, attending services only every other Sunday evening, or so conducting themselves as in no way to identify themselves with us. Several have said plainly that this was their object; and altho they liked our services would not attend them regularly. Still, we have felt from the first, and still feel, that there is here a place and a work for Presbyterians; and we propose to go forward so far as the Lord opens the way; and our progress thus far has been such in advance of the most sanguine anticipations of any of us.

Before we branch the matter and ask subscriptions, we are trying to get a good lot, not too far from the center of business, but such lots cost money here, and we may have to go farther to one side than we wish. Our town is constantly improving; and think we may calculate that whatever work is done here, is both important and permanent.

We will not object to second hand Communion sets, or anything else that will aid us in the present strait.

A blank for annual report is sent me, which I fill so far as necessary. Please hand to proper person. Mrs. S. joins in kindest regards,

Your Bro. in Christ,

A. F. Rohal.



West Chester, March 21st, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

esteemed friend, brother:-

Three weeks ago I sent a letter to you containing \$5 to pay for Rocky Mountain Presbyterian for some friends. The next day I added another \$1 by another letter, as I wished the work for Mr. Jones. As I have heard nothing from you or the parties themselves, I have feared the money may have been appropriated by some one for whom it was not intended. The sum was so small I did not think it necessary to get a check. I still hope you may have been absent from home encouraging the hearts of others engaged in the Mission work.

I am not as well as common to-day, but my mind has been dwelling very pleasantly on a sweet idea I met with in a memoir I have been reading. It was so sweet to me that I will give it to you in its words, as I read them--"The difficulty had been that while trusting Christ fully and entirely and alone to deliver her from the guilt of sin, she did not trust him fully, entirely, and alone to deliver from the power of sin. She knew she had no strength of her own and it was her constant prayer that Christ would give her strength, whereas she was to have no strength at all, but like a child folded to his father's bosom begs his father to drive away his foe, as she was to hang helpless on to Christ, and ask him to fight the foe in her heart, trusting him practically to be her strength."

I thank you more than I can express for the interest I have had in your prayers. I long to have my will entirely lost in the will of God. Sometimes I think it is, and again self makes its appearance. It is very restful to think of the time when we shall be free from sin.

I am too feeble to write to-day but wished to know if the money had reached you.

Faithfully your friend,

E. A. Lewis.

West Chester, March 12th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear friend:-

Mrs. B. F. Jones has just been in, and I have had a conversation with her on the subject of the paper I proposed to have you send to Mr. Jones. She tells me the paper for which she sent subscription was for the use of the Ladies Missionary Society, not for themselves. She desires you to send it to Mrs. William C. Bullock. (I am not sure if I have spelled the name right, or whether the last syllable I should end in lough. It is pronounced the latter



say, you will probably know. I never spelled the name before. You will see that by this arrangement they will be left out of the paper entirely. As I wish the weekly, and also wish Mrs. McKeay to have it I will send \$2 for Mrs. Jones' paper as soon as I hear from you.

When I spoke of aiding, to a small extent, any missionary who was needing aid especially, I did not mean as you seem to have understood me. I meant if the winter had brought sickness, or distress in any form to any, I should be able to send a small sum. If you think the \$1 I spoke of to aid the Sunday Schools to support a more missionary would do more good in aiding to build the chapels of which you speak, and will let me know, I will send it to you at once. When I send the money for Mr. Jones' paper I will also send (\$2.00) \$2.00 to aid in the "Missionary paper". I don't think you could do good in a better way. I may be able to send a little more during the year. I can't tell you how gladly I would make it thousands.

With sincere thanks for your prayers to God in my behalf, I am,

Very truly your friend,

W. J. Bell

Please let me hear from you soon.

Cannon City, Col. Terr., March 14/74

Dear Brother Jackson:-

Your kind letter was duly received. I have just returned from Wet Mt. Valley, where I encountered some very severe winter weather, and had to break a trail of snow covered road, I traveled 112 miles and I preached at Texas (Rocky Mountain), at Bla, and at Canon. At the latter locality, resided Mrs. J. Gowdy; the services were held in her house, close up to the snowy range in the midst of some trees, a very beautiful spot in the summer. Her neighbors, the Loether family (Presbyterians) were present. I left in a box some copies of the Social Gospel. Mrs. Gowdy gave me a letter to take to you, containing \$1 for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. I accidentally left the letter with the box three times, at the postoffice, while arranging some mail matter. But I saw the postmaster, Mr. Joseph A. Davis, yesterday, and he said he supposed that it was a letter I meant to send to you; so he sent it on. If the \$1 was not found in it, let me know, and I will make it up. The letter was not sealed when I sent it.

The Park Hotel which I have in view in writing, was to say that I and my wife will start for Denver on Sunday next, and, if you will take the trouble to have the pastor of the 17th Street church put a postal card for me in the post office at Denver, telling me where to stop with my wife, and where we can keep my trunk, I will be greatly obliged. We do



not know but we may encounter some snow and winter storms on the divide, but we shall try the trip nevertheless.  
Yours in haste,

John D. Bell.

P.S. I doubt if I shall accept the proposition of the citizens who have placed their petition in my hands, though it is signed by almost fifty persons.

J. D. B.

Missoula, March 16th, 1874.

Rev. Buckner Jackson,

my dear friend;-

Having some trouble about my school room and would like to have your advice in the matter. At the close of the public school the directors called a meeting of the citizens to vote on a special tax to enable them to have more public school. The citizens voted it down, said it would be better to support a select school and decided to do so, this enraged the majority of the board they say if they are determined to have a select school they shall pay well for it or they will break it up and the people will be glad to support a public school. The board have decided to charge me \$20 per month rent for my room. It is impossible for me to pay it. After paying for my board, wood and rent, I would have nothing left. I do not propose to teach all the children in Missoula for nothing. They say "raise your tuition". I do not feel that it would be right to ask any more than I am asking (\$5 per month) that is more than they ask in Helena, \$3 per month is the usual price. The citizens are very indignant over it and tell me not to pay it. One lawyer has offered his services free if they try to compel me to. They say they built the school house for school purposes and the directors have no right to tax the people to pay rent. I want to do what is right and honorable in the matter but will not pay that sum. I closed my second month last Friday. To-day I thought I would dismiss the school until the matter was settled but some of the most influential citizens called on me and advised me not to but wait until they presented their bill and offer them \$5 per month, if they refused they would take the matter out of my hands and go to law with it. I would try to get another room but those that are for rent are in the business part of the town - besides it would cost a good deal to fix one up for school purposes. I do not want to give up the school, the people are satisfied with my teaching and will not hear of my leaving them. The " Sisters " are to open their school in a few months and if I leave they will get all my pupils under their influence. They are now making an effort to take my pupils from me by offering to teach for \$3 per month. I have the support



of the best citizens. Capt Higgins sends me three, his wife is a Catholic and would prefer to send them to her own school but the Capt will not take them from me. Mr. Worden sends three, I board with them. I speak of these two men on account of their being the monied men of Missouri. They control the business of the place.

Please write me what I had better do. I get almost discouraged. I have nineteen scholars at present, but only fourteen are paying tuition.

If you can send me to a more prolific field of labor I am willing to go. I think though it would have to be in some other territory. Miss Lawrence is going back to Iowa this summer, she is tired of M.I.

Please remember me to Mrs. Jackson,  
Respectfully yours,

Cornelia P. Sims.

Salt Lake City, March 17th, 1877.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:-

Your note came to hand to-day. I have been thinking of writing to you for several days past, but have not found it convenient. I have been under the weather for a few days but feel better now.

Did you see Barber when at Alleghany, and if so did he say he would come out here?

Pierce I guess has heard that we are thinking of taking hold in Singhar and has been promising great things - to have a house of worship within the next two months. The stage stopped shortly after we were over, so I haven't been able to get there to preach in an eve. It maybe will come we will drop him in there and say nothing about it in

we have ten or a dozen members and the Methodist have but one or two. Did you see Dr. Hall while in New York, and what did he say?

Mr. Lavenport one of our members here, was accidentally killed the other day while out gunning.

We had quite an interesting meeting at our last communion three united on profession, all heads of families, two of whom had never been baptized, besides two or three by letter.

I think it is well that Brown goes to Philadelphia.

We are enjoying the biggest snow storm of the season, to-day - over two feet since last night.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours Bro.,

W. Nelson



Greely, Col., March 15th, 1874.

Dear Mr. Jackson;-

A very severe attack of inflammation of throat has confined me to the house for nearly two weeks and will prevent me from being in attendance at the Presbytery yesterday I made all my arrangements to leave in the freight train this noon, but find myself so unwell that I deem it prudent to forego the pleasure.

Indeed my health has been failing for some two months past, and I have not been able to meet the labor of the congregation without injuring myself. I have come to the conclusion I need a rest, in order to recuperate. This field is a very hard one from the fact, that the Presbyterian element is so small, and not worth much at that. I have therefore come to the conclusion to resign my charge of the congregation, on the first of June when my commission from the Board expires. I propose to give notice of my intention to the congregation on Sabbath next. I do it thus early that the church may take the necessary measures to obtain a supply, when my time shall be up. It would, in my judgment, be injurious to our interests to be vacant for a Sabbath.

If you know of any suitable Pro. for this field, please let me know. He can have the privilege of preaching at any time in this pulpit, and it would perhaps be better that he should; the people would be better pleased.

Dr. Marsh of Jacksonville, Ill., last spring wanted to come to Colorado; perhaps he might now on account of his wife's health.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience on this subject. I am anxious that the work begun here should not fail.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, and believe me,

Yours in Christ,  
Robert G. Thompson.

Greely, Colo., March 20th, 1874.

Dear Mr. Jackson;-

Your favor is just received and I hasten to respond thanking you for your old interest in your college mate of Seminary days rather.

I would be indeed very much obliged if you would insert a short notice in our Journal and have obtained from one of our members under my direction, such a notice, which would be the same thing as when you may of course be down to sell your children's newspapers.

There are many noble missionaries of whom you speak, and others like them, are indeed worthy of all honor. I have often honored them in my own heart and would be glad to give them all public recognition. It is true as you say, some many of them are great winners by experience.



Our people are very sorry of this matter, being you in our  
 ground and I being in the same. I will do as much as I  
 would like but I will see what can be done.

With kind regards to all,

Yours sincerely,

Wm. T. Wylie.

Buffalo, Pa., March 20, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

I want to have the Rocky Mountain Presby-  
 terian circulated in our congregation as well as to get the  
 advertisement of the before the church.

If it is not necessary to send the money at once, I  
 will accept your proposition to have 100 copies sent to me  
 for our congregation and fifty sent to Rich Connolly, Buffa-  
 lo, Pa., for Buffalo Run Church. This church is a branch  
 of ours. It has no pastor, but I received into it forty-  
 eight members two weeks ago, after four weeks of such work as  
 I could give while keeping up services in our church on Sab-  
 bath and Wednesday evening.

God has greatly blessed us this year. I have receiv-  
 ed eighty into the church since the first of January and  
 there are between thirty and forty names on my list who are  
 expecting to join at our next Communion, or have said that  
 they are seeking to live a Christian life.

I enclose you a notice of the working of our S.  
 S. last year in our congregation which I would be glad to  
 have go into the paper.

When are you coming eastward?

A friend of mine Miss Finner who is a splendid Chris-  
 tian teacher, talks of going to Colorado to try the climate  
 for health. If she goes I will give her a letter to you.  
 You will find her a noble and cultured woman.

Remember me to your family.

Yours aff.

Wm. T. Wylie.



Atta City, Utah, Mar, 23, 1874.

Rev. Snedden Jackson, Denver, Col.

Dear friend & Bro.:-

Paper packages #16, 17 and 18 have been received. Our Reading Room is pretty well stocked with reading matter, and is good enough for anybody. And although well thought of by the community it is not, I am sorry to say, as well patronized by the citizens and miners as it deserves to be. We have been making very slow progress during the winter, but I look for better times when spring shall open again. The first of May will close up my first year here and I entertain the hope that it will see us entirely out of debt, and ready for a new departure.

Our hearts were gladdened last Sabbath by the sound of a church organ. The instrument, a fine large Mason & Hamlin Cabinet organ, was procured and placed in the church through the enterprise and generosity of our citizens. It cost us \$200 and its payment has been fully provided for.

We held a praise meeting Sabbath evening which proved to be a very pleasant and profitable occasion. We love to sing the songs of Zion, even in a strange land.

Our present want is a good set of hymn and tune books, but they will come I trust by and bye.

I hope you will find it convenient to get up here about the first Sabbath in May. I should like to make it a sort of anniversary occasion. Besides we will be ready by that time to effect a better organization than what we have at present. There will be several to unite with the church, possibly two or three on profession of their faith. We shall also want to celebrate the Lord's Supper, as it has never yet been administered in this place.

If you can arrange so as to be here the first Sabbath in May, I promise you it will, under the blessing of God, be an occasion such as shall gladden our hearts and encourage us in the

We have had some severe storms, although the weather is fine now, and an early spring is anticipated.

New families are beginning to come in, and there is plenty of work ahead. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Yours friend and brother,

J. P. Schell.



Westchester, March 24, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear brother;-

I think you hardly understoob my last letter. I asked, or intended to ask, you if you thought I could do more good to the cause of Christ by giving the one-hundred I had offered you (in case you could find two Sabbath schools willing to undertake the support of a Missionary, each, with the help of fifty dollars,) by giving the money to the church building, in either of the places you name. You did not seem to understand my question, and now, my dear brother in Christ, I have concluded to send the one-hundred to you to do with as your judgement dictates. On the ground as you are, you can much better judge of the best mode of doing good. What I long for is the building of Christ's Kingdom upon earth. And situated as you are you will find an opening for my mite.

I am not quite sure I have always been judicious in disposing of the little I had. If I could now divide the sums given to the Ministerial aid fund and perhaps to the Lesbegas church it might be doing more good in some of the churches of which you speak. Others perhaps would have supplied these deficiencies who may not feel the interest in the little places of which you speak. These sums however were not very large, and I hope God's blessing went with the mite. I never regret these things as the promptings are almost always seeming to be from my Father. There seems to be more immigration to the twons of which you speak, more inducement there, was the only reason why I wished particularly to aid the last named churches. Missionaries will, I have no doubt, be found among those now on the ground who will gladly carry the gospel to other parts of our country.

I will enclose a draft which you will use as your judgement dictates, either for the support of Missionaries now in the field, or towards building a church. What is over \$100 please use for your paper or rather your private Missionary work. God will (I am very sure) send the means to lift this burden from your shoulders. It should not rest there, God will answer prayer. He has so often done it we cannot doubt. He has answered the prayers which have gone up for me, in delivering me from the fear of death. Almost all the time I can rest in perfect trust that, as you said, "At evening time there shall be light." Sometimes a fear arises, and the question "Am I a christian" comes forcibly to my mind. I have never felt as so many around me have, I cannot point to any time when I was converted. If I should attempt it I should place it at about my eighth or ninth year. I have thought a great deal on the subject, and can only say, I love the cause of Christ more than all the world beside, and that I long to have my will lost in God's will in every thing and



that now most of the time peace flows like a river over my Soul, and "I know that my Redeemer liveth" I never at any time felt so forcibly how much of a sinner I was, as at this time, and it is so precious to feel my righteousness is in Heaven, and when he shall appear we shall see him as he is.

I wish I could send small sums without getting a check, I might perhaps share a little once in a while for the paper.

I think I told you the family of Mr. Lewis are all Methodists and are not in sympathy with me in these things, and I cannot go out, and it makes it difficult for me to do anything outside, since my precious friend Mrs. Dickson left here. She has been so homesick since she left that we feared for her life. She could not trust herself to come up, fell away very much. She has made me one visit and is getting into work now and is happier. The doctor bought a very expensive place, which crippled her very much, as it called for money also to furnish and the "Panic" coming on it hindered her charities and was a sore trial.

Excuse me for encroaching so much on your time. I cannot tell you how much I value the prayers of christians or how much I need them now. I seem to be failing more rapidly than at any time before. If the weather becomes settled and I can ride out I may be better, but I do not expect it. My whole frame seems to be down under disease. Still let me have your prayers that Christ will come with the dread messenger when he comes to open the gates to a better country.

Very sincerely your friend,

R. A. Lewis.

When you acknowledge this please direct to my sister Mrs. C. P. Darlington, care Wm Darlington, Esq., West chester, Pa. I may not be here.

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Willowbrook, March 24th, 1874.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear friend;-

I have been hoping for sometime to hear from you and to hear something of your travels during the past winter.

I have just received the number of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian for this month. My little daughter says "that last week's paper did not come, and she hopes she can get that number."

I send you a number of the Military Post Library Association in which is inserted a copy of a letter issued by our society at \_\_\_\_\_ will see that we have commenced in earnest our work at the Military Post.



The letter of our Secretary is lithographed and we intend to send it in a quiet way to ladies at our military posts on the frontier. This work will come in with your missionary work, and I trust we may join hands across the Rocky Mountains in the good work of "laboring in the gospel."

Both my husband and I feel a deep interest in you, dear christian brother, and you can always count upon us and upon our children as your friends.

I do hope you will come to our house when you next come this way.

I see your paper of this week is filled with accounts of Texas. Our second son, an officer in the 4th U. S. Cavalry, has just returned to Texas to join his regiment. He is stationed at Fort Clark where he expects his wife with their children to join him in May. They will probably remain some time at Fort Clark. I feel deeply interested in all that is said in your paper about the evangelization of Texas.

My daughter find a great mission field at Fort Union, New Mexico. They are trying to do there what I hope other christian ladies will try to do at other military posts, have a bible class for the soldiers. One soldier has written several most interesting letters giving an account of his coming "Out of darkness into light."

I do hope my daughters will see you upon their return home.

I gave your kind invitation to my daughter Cornelia to stop at your house when she was at Denver, but she was so fatigued when she arrived there from St. Louis, that she felt diffident about going to a private house, and passed the night at a hotel. Gen. Alexander came to Pueblo with an ambulance to meet her.

I should like to tell you about the Communion services held at Fort Union - perhaps Chaplain Eakins will tell you about them.

Will you please write me what you know about the mission at Taos? Do you think that Ladies Board of Missions can do good by helping Mrs. Roberts to live at Taos, and keep up his school? He has a full school of Mexicans and has a christian lady as assistant. Would you approve of not trying to keep up the Mission at Taos after all that has been done? Dr. Dickson says that the Home Board will not re-commission Mr. Roberts. Do you think he can do good with his school? After some of the churches are interested in that mission and are supporting Miss Flott the assistant, it gives such an aspect of instability to the missions in New Mexico to withdraw support from the missionaries.

The evangelization of New Mexico is very slow work, a land deprived of evangelical religion for three centuries cannot be uprooted to respond at once to the gospel - a preparatory work is necessary - and we must give time for the ground to be prepared in spiritual things



as in nature - between the ploughing and the sowing and the reaping. There is a harrowing time which both missionaries and those who send them experience.

Hoping soon to hear from you, and with kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, believe me,

Very truly your friend,

Please let me know what you hear from Bozemen and Missoula. Mrs. Alexander and her family and her sister intend coming here in May, providence permitting, to pass the summer.  
Cornelia W. Martin.

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Greely, Colorado, March 30th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

I am glad to learn the difficulties between the two churches at Denver are at last amicably adjusted, Bros. Wells and Semple will now have no "root of bitterness springing up" constantly between their churches, and a wider and pleasanter field of usefulness.

Indeed it is delightful to know you had such a pleasant meeting of Presbytery. I regret very much that I was not able to attend.

I did not resign my charge here yesterday, as I expected and intended, When my purpose became known to the congregation, so strong was the opposition to it, that I had to consent to defer it.

My health, however, seems to require, and and judgement is that a new and younger man would be more useful. I only wish to know what is the will of the Lord.

My commission from the Board will not terminate until June first. My wish is to resign now, but my resignation to take effect at the close of my commission. I do not wish the congregation to be vacant: but propose that they shall have these two months to look up a man, that will just suit them. This course I think decidedly for our interests here.

The opposition here is so heavy, and the amount of sound Presbyterianism so small, that a man of inferior qualifications would not answer the field.

I think I shall resign in a week or two. I did not feel like pressing the matter now, lest it might discourage and be injurious. But the way will be opened in a little time.

Do you know personally the qualifications of any of the Brethern you named, as deserving a field of labor in Colorado? What of Morehead? Of Greensburg, Pa.? of Mather of Shawneetown, Ill., Of Marsh of Portland, Mich.? etc.

Young men from the Seminary have hardly the experience needed for this field. We have had three of their class this winter, and they have all failed.



Mr. Steve, in the Methodist - Mr. Dowd, in the Congregational - and Mr. Pratt, in the Episcopal - all very good young men, but without the requisite ability and experience for their posts.

The distance east makes candidating out of the question, and there is no use getting a man here who is not entirely acceptable to the people. It would be an injury to him and to them.

I thought of writing to Dr. Hill of Blairsville, Pa., for information about Mr. Morehead, and to Dr. in regard to Mr. Mathes. I know of no way of getting information as to the others.

What information you may have or can get in regard to any of them, please let us have it.

We want a strong man, a worker, and a good preacher. With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, I am your brother in Christ

Vrey sincerely,

R. G. Thompson.

Philadelphia, Mar.30/74.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear sir;-

In settling up the affairs of Alfred Marben & Co. it was found that there were twenty-five dollars and forty-five cents (\$25.45) contributed by parties (names not now known) for churches on Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Archibald Mc Intyre who is acting as Trustee for Alfred Marben & Co. asked me to send this to you. Enclosed is a postal order drawn in your favor. Distribute according to your best judgement - sign receipt and return.

Yours nastily,

W. B. Grier.



Pueblo, March 30th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

I am in quite a quandary as to my duty to this people. When I began to teach I promised that they money that they might collect while teaching might go toward cancelling their debt. When this school closed I supposed, of course, the agreement ceased and that I would be entitled to my salary. But they have taken all my salary paid to me, they have in one or two cases appropriated special donations, when money was given for me from strangers like Mrs. Breckenridge, and all the proceeds of a festival gotten up in my name, so that I am in the last state of embarrassment, and the debt which they have just paid was made before the opening of the year since which time they made a solemn in their application for aid that they had settled with their Pastor for former services. I am truly cast down in spirit and would seek your advice.

Yours in the Gospel,

William E. Hamilton.

Evanston, Wyo. T.,  
April 2, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Rev. Dear Sir;-

The other night it was announced and there was held at the Presbyterian church a low traveling show. There is some reason why the church should be rented to the Mormons, but I do not see any excuse why its doors should be thrown open for public shows. This I do for the respect at least I owe the church, and also for the re-

spect I owe my family, whom it galls to the very quick to see the church desecrated in the manner it is. I have no complaint to make against any person in the place, for I do not think it my duty to tamper with the affairs of others. Neither do I do this of my own free will, but simply in behalf of many good people who think it a disgrace, and many says does Sheldon Jackson know of this, and some with pluck enough to enquire, and in conclusion if you are not warned of this fact. I take the liberty to warn you of the condition of the church hoping you may pardon me, if I have intruded upon your time, and hoping you may receive this in the spirit it is written. With these few words will close.

Remaining very respectfully yours,

Philip H. Tooley.



Trinidad, Col.,  
April 3d, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Yours of the 31st received. Many thanks for the check. It came just as our Trustees were writing papers for incorporation, and seemed indeed to do us all good. Enclosed I send a letter to Mrs. Lewis, which please forward and assure her again that what we have received has already done us good as an encouragement to effort and perseverance.

I send also a postal just received from Auburn. I had written to ask about Vincent as soon as I received your first inquiry in regard to him. Smith is a good judge of men, and so as he expresses himself, his opinion is valuable.

Business is not brightest, though every one is looking for better times soon. Much building has already been begun.

Sent you two post office orders this week, one for \$2 and the other for \$4. Will collect the remaining dues, and other subscribers, as I may have opportunity.

Mrs. R. joins me in kindest regards,

Yours in Christ,

E. F. Robb.

Evans, April 3d, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Your kind letter was received yesterday. I have thought for some weeks past of writing you, but have had the impression you were not at home at the present time. I am not surprised to hear that Mr. Thompson thinks of resigning. His health has been bad for sometime and owing to the strong Sectarianism of the place, and the efforts made by the Baptists and Methodists, etc., his labors have been of the most arduous kind. The only mistake I think he has made is in the fact, that he has felt called upon to fight Sectarianism with Sectarianism. Our impression is that to have taken a more liberal ground he might not only have spared himself of much useless and inefficient labor, but have done more good for the Presbyterian cause.

I do not know how the Greely church would unite on me. I do not think outside of Mr. Thompson our family there is many to unite. The old gentleman together with his sons and their families are on even intimate social terms with myself and family. At our sociable last week in which we raised \$64 to pay off a balance due on our organ, Mr. W. F. Thompson and wife were present. We have attended also one or two sociables at Greely this winter which were very pleasant and agreeable.

We exchanged pulpits some weeks ago, but the day was stormy and neither congregation was scarcely as large as



usual, i.e. neither at Evans or Greely.

I think all would ~~depend~~ on the attitude of the Rev-  
erend and his sons. Course he living at Greely would  
 have much in ~~his~~ power. Mrs. W. F. Thompson is a fast  
 friend. She has always seemed to take much stock in me.  
 I have no feelings against the Greely people that would hin-  
 der my usefulness, yet I do not think I could do any good  
 unless I lived among them. I could do that and would be  
 willing for the benefit of the schools which are superior  
 to ours. This would be at the expense of the Evans congrega-  
 tion, which I consider much better and more hopeful than  
 Greely than Greely is likely to be under any Ministration  
 for years to come. At the same time we are not actually lar-  
 ger in membership than we were a year ago, owing to removals  
 from the place although we have much better congregations,  
 and one of the very best Sabbath Schools and more interest  
 generally in the church.

I called a congregational meeting a few weeks ago,  
 which was well attended and laid before it, that I would ex-  
 pect the congregation to raise \$300 for the coming year for  
 my salary. This it unanimously agreed to do. The meeting  
 showed more interest than I have seen manifested since I have  
 been here.

I regret very much any circumstances that might  
 make it appear in the light of a necessity to interfere with  
 the present relations of the Evans congregation. Still we  
 are dependent upon the Board and I cannot but sympathize with  
 the Board and its responsibilities in the management of its  
 affairs. I do not know what is best. I only know that I  
 shall try and be resigned to whatever may seem the best for  
 the interest of Christs kingdom in this part of his moral  
 vineyard, and that I have faith in the Holy Spirit which is  
asking these questions as to duty that it has the ability and  
 will surely resolve them in due time.

We have contemplated a social visit to the Thomp-  
 sons for sometime and will try and make it soon. You need  
 not let them know that I have heard of Mr. Thompson's inten-  
 tions to resign. One thought only is clear to me and that  
 is I shall not force myself on the Greely congregation, un-  
 less the matter is cordial I shall have nothing to do with  
 it.

I had no idea whatever of appearing in the Interior. Mr.  
 Buchanan is an old friend and school mate of mine who writes  
 the column in the Interior headed Items from St. Louis. In  
 writing him, as we correspond frequently, I incidentally men-  
 tioned the facts noticed, not thinking they would be made the  
 subject of notice.

I wish you would notice in the Rocky Mountain Presby-  
 terian our Sabbath School under the Superintendent E. B.  
Annis. Our school is not one of the largest for there are  
 not children here to make it large, but for the number



punctuality of attendance both on the part of scholars and teachers, and for interest and real progress in acquiring a knowledge of the scriptures it is a model school. The recitation of verses and the review of the lesson by the Superintendent, as well as the black board exercises, is an interesting feature. Mr. Annis has worked the school up to an excellent degree of enthusiasm and interest and has placed the congregation and community under a debt of gratitude to him.

Our organ is a success. We have an excellent Packhard large with ten stops (catalogued page 285) very strong but sweet, mellow toned, procured through the agency of the Ladies Aid Society. This society, by the way, is regularly organized, meets every alternate week with the church sociable and abounds in work and labors of love. The temperance movement goes on bravely in Evans.

Do you know of any one who would supply my pulpit one day at least while I am gone to the Association, could Mr. Sample be prevailed on?

John F. Stewart.

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Alta City, Utah, April 4, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Your letter of the first inst. reached me this evening. I hardly know what to reply, yet some answer must be made at once.

I cannot say come for April 12th, the weather is so treacherous at present that we might be unable to get out an audience on that day. It might be pleasant enough on Saturday and fearfully stormy on Sabbath.

Another thing to be considered is that brother Welch is liable to go east almost any day, and when he does, he says I am to go down and supply his pulpit.

I did think when I wrote to you that I should spend the present month in Salt Lake so as to start in fresh here the first of May.

The idea is to have you here to give us a "fresh start" and I shouldn't leave our people after any fresh interest had been awakened in the church and religious things.

Still further, I wanted the meeting to be a sort of public occasion, and our arrangements for meeting the church debt will not have been completed before the first of May.

I will therefore announce in the morning that possibly you will be with us next Sabbath but will not expect you. Affectionately, your brother in Christ,

J. P. Schell.



Schenectady, April 6th, 1874.

Dear sir;-

Mr. Dickson has returned the papers relating to Mr. Cooper, and suggests that they be sent to the stated clerk of Presbytery. But I do not assume to be the prosecutor, nor is it proper at least for the present that I should send these papers to any one but yourself. I leave for Philadelphia early to-morrow (D.V.) and after an absence of twenty days or so hope to return, and will be glad to learn from you when your Synod meets, and what is the opinion of judicious men of our church in your region, as to the proper course to be pursued.

Cooper of course insists upon his integrity and says he only asks a fair trial. If such a trial is now possible, he certainly ought to have it. If not, then the question re- by Synod review or otherwise he can returned whence he came. Certainly the Presbytery was careless in accepting him. He is not sufficiently educated to pass a proper examination by our Book. But I do not see how the Synod can get at the case by "review" unless there is some "complaint" against Presbytery by some body. On the other hand a full trial will involve taking testimony by commission and much labor. Yet if the man is all wrong, as is believed in this region, ought not the Presbytery of Wyoming to accept the duty brought on itself by its own carelessness. May God guide us all.

Truly yours,

J. Trumbull Backus.

Salt Lake City, April 6th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Your card of April 3d is at hand. I am sorry that I shall not see you next Saturday, I am going east next Monday. I am going to stir things until I get something, either the money we ought to have or else the ill will of some of the fossils of the Board of Church Erection.

The Methodists Board has voted their people here another grant of \$15,000 - which makes \$25,000 in all, and the Congregationalists have negotiated a loan already and will be in the field to raise money for their building before us, in all probability, in spite of all we can do. They expect to push things right along until they get their house.

Our people are all turning indigo color. It is a severe stroke on us that we did not push things last summer.

I have written to three or four times and nothing definite but a wishy-washy letter from Dr. Wilson. I am discouraged, provoked, and indignant. I am not feeling well for the three or four weeks. I hope the trip east may do me good. I hope to be gone but four, perhaps only three Sundays. I have written to Schell to come down and take my place during my absence. It need not interfere with your trip to Utah. We can arrange for service for you. If you



should run across a tip-top preacher coming west, whom you could persuade to stop here three or four weeks, I wish you would do so, then Schell can remain at his post.

Our folks are all well. I will see Majors some day soon and have him send you that pass if he has gotten it.

Your brother in Christ,

Josiah Welch.

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Silver City, N. M., April 7th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

My dear sir;-

I enclose herewith a slip from The New York Herald, the marked portion of which so exactly fits our missionary that I can't refrain from sending it to you. The Rev. Wood has long since lost the regard of this community by his avariciousness and extreme filthiness of person very few go to hear him and he boldly avows that if no one comes to hear him he will remain and draw his salary his services are held only semi occasionally. In view of these facts would not the Board of Missions be consulting their best interests by giving this man another field better leave this place vacant than filled with such an incumbent for he is doing great harm to the cause. What I write about this man can be substantiated by our best citizens and I invite you to write to any

of them in regard to this matter believing that you have the good of the community at heart, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

O. M. Scott.











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Pueblo, April 7th, 1874.

Dear Bro.,

I have received your truly kind and brotherly letter and deem its advice salutary.

There are two views, of course, to be taken of my stay here.

One is this, there is an evil in the church that I can see no way of removing but by removing myself. I may almost say that the church members have given absolutely nothing for the cause of Christ since I have been here. Last year I may have received \$800 and I may not, certainly not more. \$500 of that has just been paid to Lovther who advanced it, out of the proceeds of a festival and money subscribed to my salary, this year, the festival furnishing about \$100. The collection to the Board of Domestic Missions, the expense of attending meeting of Presbytery and the General assemblies fund have come out of my own pocket. I have paid interest upon all the money nearly which I have received, having to anticipate its reception by the pressing demands for living.

Then on the other hand, I have received persons in the church who need to be Presbyterianized, persons who have probably been drawn in by my own personal influence. At least half the membership have to be to the fold. This is a serious matter. Should there be any friction in my removal, or should the church remain any time vacant it might prove detrimental to the interest of individual in the church and it might also be injurious to the cause of our beloved church.

I have thought of this, it is better to be always employed and always fixed. Had I not better then have my commission renewed and continue my work, leaving myself open to a call from any other field in the Presbytery? This would certainly be doing no injustice to the Board, to the field here, which I sincerely love, and there would be no break in my employment, which I heartily deprecate. If this meets your approval, I would like you to send me a blank form for applying to the Board; meanwhile should you see an opening for me where my support and the general expenses of the gospel will not be so much a matter of trouble pulling, we can deliberate upon the propriety of a removal. I like Georgetown.



Our little one is quite ill, but a little better to-day. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the little ones.

Yours in the Gospel,

W. C. Hamilton.

P.S. I shall close my relation to the school soon.

Cheyenne, W. Ter.,  
April 7th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Mr Dear Brother;-

I am instructed as Secretary of the Cheyenne Lodge #31 I. O. G. T., to invite you to deliver a "temperance sermon" at the Presbyterian church at this place on the evening of April 12th. If I am wrong in the date that you should be here you will do me the kindness to let me know as soon as possible that I may have it corrected. We as a lodge are only too anxious to have you come.

I am very respectfully,

W. H. Wood.

Littleton, Colorado,  
April 8th, 1874.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear sir;-

I received some papers this morning from you also some several days ago, for which I am obliged and appreciate.

Mr. Mc fadden (Episcopal minister) is gone east and will be gone several weeks, and his hours for service are vacant, and it was suggested to me that I try to get you to fill the time as much as you could, on Sabbath evenings seven o'clock. Could you come up next Sabbath and preach for us at night? Please notify me right away so I can make it known to the people.

I remain,

Yours, etc.,

G. W. Cox.



Black Hawk, April 8th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear sir:-

I think it important, that at the meeting of the Presbytery next Tuesday - both for the benefit of our church and other churches, the following questions should be answered and the answers be made known to the Presbytery, viz.;

1st- Is it in accordance with Presbyterian usage to open their pulpits to Universalist Preachers or any preacher not connected with evangelical churches?

2nd- Is it proper to invite Universalists to the Communion Table, in fact any but members of Evangelical churches in good and regular standing.

3rd- Is it proper to baptize the children of parents who are neither of them members of Evangelical churches, who scarcely if ever attend church, or who say they were members a long time ago, in some foreign country, ought they not to produce some evidence of same?

4th - Is it proper for members of any denomination, not Presbyterians, to come into a Presbyterian church, preach regularly from Sabbath to Sabbath and administer the ordinances of the church, even though a majority of the Elders attend to the same.

The answers to these questions should not be shirked or evaded, but I think plain and decided answers should be given to them all.

Yours truly,

Robert W. Mead.

Black Hawk, April 9th, 1874.

Rev. M. Stewart,

Church of Presbytery of Colorado,

Dear sir:-

Just before the last meeting of Presbytery I wrote Rev. S. Jackson to inquire of them for me whether certain practices, which had attained in our Black Hawk Church was in accordance with Presbyterian usage. The letter was submitted to Presbytery and in response to same, they sent a committee here to investigate. That committee found the statements made in my letter to Rev. S. Jackson to be fully true. Some here and perhaps a good number appear to feel that I was not justified in "making such a fuss" about such small and unimportant trifles and that Presbytery thinks the same. I claim that I could not consistently



have done otherwise, and that Presbytery owe it to myself and this church to take decided action upon these matters.

Will you please call their attention to this matter at their meeting next Tuesday, and much obliged,

Yours truly,

Robert W. Mead.

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Georgetown, April 9th, 1874.

Rev. Jackson;-

This evening I received a letter from a young man that was recommended as being the person who would suit us. He declined taking any position for a year or more as his health was impaired. He was recommended to me in Chicago, and was in this territory.

Will you be good enough to recommend and send to us a suitable person? You know what we want, and you know there is a grand field open to any one who loves to work for the Master. A young man would find it an excellent place.

The church is progressing toward completion slowly, and surely. We hope to get into it sometime in May.

I know that our numbers will rapidly increase, for a great many even prejudiced would not attend our meetings or contribute a farthing towards the support of our church.

Mrs. Bennt's regards to you as well as my own.

Yours truly,

W. Benant.

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Trinidad, Col., April 10, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Enclosed find P.O. order to apply on subscriptions of Miss Lizzie Thatcher and Mrs. O. R. Vointers.

We had a good business meeting of the Con. last evening. Elected a board of Trustees consisting of four. Mr. Stark, a member and Elder, Mr. Swallow a Presbyterian who will probably join at next Communion, Mr. Davis a Unitarian who attends our service regularly, is very cordial and able, waits on Mr. Swallow's sister-in-law, a Presbyterian lady, and likely to marry her. The fourth is Mr. Rowlands, a good reliable man and soon to marry Miss Thatcher, a Presbyterian young lady.

The Trustees are all of the opinion that we had best keep still for a few weeks yet, and wait developments. All anticipate that business will be more brisk, and a better op-



portunity offered after awhile to make a move. We have an efficient board, and will perhaps do something this season, perhaps soon.

How long after application to Board of Church Election would it be before it could be granted and money forthcoming? I should think the tempo here is favorable to doing something sharp and quick.

The M. E's were a long time completing their church. I think we will try to do in a few months whatever we attempt this season.

Faithfully yours,

E. J. Robb.

Cannon City, Col. Ter.,  
April 10th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother;-

You requested me to write to you when I received a communication from the Board of Home Missions. I enclose D. V. Dickson's letter, which came to hand to-day. What shall I do about my Wet Mountain Valley appointments, etc.?

Fraternally yours,

John D. Bell.

New York, April 10th, 1874.

Dear Jackson;-

Yours of the 3d inst. is received and contents noted. I will look up Robert J. Mulligan & Co. in a day or two.

The parties requested to send material for the May No. of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian were asked to send it to Rev. J. W. Allen, St. Louis, Mo. I will write him at once to send what material he has to you at Denver.

At the most we have put two or three copies of the Reports of the Board of D. M's, and would not like to send these away by mail.

Dr. Kendall has been confined to his bed with Inflammatory Rheumatism since the 17th of February. He is however better, and hopes to get back from the coast next week.

Please jog my memory about the States to be repre-



Greely, Colorado,  
April 20th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Your note of the 17th is received. On the first Sabbath of April it was my purpose to notify the congregation here of my intention to cease preaching for them on the first of June. I so informed the Session when it became known in the congregation, they went round, an extempore committee was raised, and I was waited on, and urged not to tender my resignation. The committee would not leave until I would promise that I would not do it, and wait the indications of Providence and the state of my health.

To show their good will, they very agreeably disappointed us with a surprise party, an account of which I send you in the Colorado Sun. They have been very kind, and have expressed in the strongest terms their opposition to my resignation.

I have prayerfully considered the matter, and adhere to my original purpose. Providence permitting I shall notify the congregation to that effect next Sabbath.

It is very desirable that a good man be on the ground at the end of my time.

In regard to your suggestion, if the Board persist in that measure, perhaps they had better make the experiment. That seems to be the only way in which some people can learn wisdom.

I shall be very happy to concur in any measure that will promote the interest of the church. Will be glad to see you here, and to arrange as to what is best to be done. I am,

Yours very sincerely in Christ,

B. G. Thompson.

Bozeman, M. T., April 21/74.

Bozeman, M. T.,

April 21st, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother;-

Yours of the 14th Ult. and also one since received. I have written to Dr. Graham in regard to the church furniture, and hope to hear from him when I shall write to the kind donors.

The "general stagnation" of business depresses the spirits and depletes the number of our population. We had many



Bachelors keeping ranches. A large number of these have left them this year, and besides those gone to the "Mines" and prospecting and on the "Wagon road expedition" to Tongue River others have left the territory. Some families with wives and children have also left, and many are very desirous to go. All these things are adverse to religious and educational efforts. The assemblies are diminished and the pockets of those left are without money. Besides the Grasshopper pest reappeared last year and experienced Ranchmen will not attempt to cultivate much land that could else have been tilled.

Last year our church in Holman seemed as vigorous and promising in every respect as the other churches. Now the M. E. church (Methodist), the other (South) is about dead, is the leading one altogether. For twenty-four months the Pnt. church has been a guest in their house, and could do nothing except in subordination to its dependent condition. We have worked in harmony, but the Sunday School, the Prayer Meeting and the order of worship has been Methodist in form and spirit.

Had Bro. Frackelton returned, or had he not been expected to return as Bishop, here things would have had a better human side.

I was here at first as a teacher, and had no ministerial responsibility towards or sympathy from the people.

In process of time Bro. I Young, energetic, quite popular backed by the prestige of church relation to Indian affairs, and of successful effort to lay the foundation of a new brick church gives new life to all the affairs of the Methodist church. Very frequent and urgent applications to the community to complete the said church backed by town pride in the successful congregation, drains the purses of the generous worldling and adds to the shadow which falls upon the church less prosperous. Only wise persistence and assiduous nurture, with the blessing of the Lord, can now save the life of this church.

I feel that humanly speaking, my relation to this congregation did not take an auspicious beginning by reason of its nature and the manner of my coming to it. However I have tried to be faithful in the field and circumstances, but now unless some new light breaks and shows us that I can remain and ought we shall try to get away. But where shall we go? Have you any congregation or place for us in Colorado? Can you secure for us three and half fare, pledge of railroad from Corinne? Our plan is now to start in a wagon about the second week in June and travel to Corinne a-la-emigrant, being out twelve to fifteen days. We are sorry to leave - sad - but at present we see no other way. The Lord has been good to us and we feel sure our twenty months' stay here has not been useless entirely though we have not such outward evidences of it as we have earnestly desired. We shall be able to dispose of the excellent Piano, which the ladies of several churches provided



for our school, and give back to their "Mission School Association" the avails to be used again. Our Willow Creek church is all broken up by removals, all the members gone. All but one also of the Hamilton Church. And the Gallatin City church is in fact dead. Eld r Dick is never at home, or his home is in the Mountains, and there are besides only two aged females left. The field here should now be "Bozeman and vicinity." I have suggested and put in movement an effort to raise as much as possible towards the support of a Missionary. I hope at least \$200 will be obtained payable monthly. It will be known in a few days, and then if the proper young man can be found promptly to take the place, I hope the church will live.

I think as soon as the "N.P.R.R." be recommenced to be built that population will again arrive here.

Please let me hear from you immediately. May the Lord have us in his keeping and give us "Songs in the night" of perplexity.

Accept for yourself and Mrs. Jackson the kindly salutations of each member of my family.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

L. B. Crittenden.

Cannon City, Col. Terr.,  
April 22d, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:-

Yours received. I have no idea that any provision will be made, very soon, whereby my out-appointments will be supplied with preaching. The church, here, has made no arrangement with Rev. Mr. Vanderveen (Dutch Reformed) and he is to give them two sermons per month, on different Sabbaths. Whether he has consented to be hired or not, I cannot say, but an effort has been made to hire him, and he has gone to work. He is a fine man, every way. I was the one that induced him to come here, and I like every inch of him. The Baptists have voted to let the church use their house for his services. Of course, he has no intention of preaching outside of this particular place. Hence, unless I preach at the country points, they will get nothing. I shall go on and try to proclaim the Gospel in the regions beyond while I remain in this portion of Colorado, even if I do not receive anything but thanks for it, for it seems unkind to leave to those who have borne "the burden and the heat of the day," no laborers in the states where they formerly lived, without any Christian nourishment and pabulum which they crave. As I have to go about in the different parts of the country, on my school Superintendency business, I can occasionally give a sermon to those scatter-



ed ones.

I have often thought about that box of clothing that was to come, and wondered where it is, and whether I shall ever see it or not. If it is not to come, I ought to know, so that I may arrange accordingly. In haste,

Yours truly,

John D. Bell.

P.S. I did not deem it best to accept any proposition, made to secure pulpit labor from me at Cannon City, and hence have n't even preached once here since Presbytery met.

J.D.B.

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Lueblo, April 23d, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

I have been thinking of a good way to bring our field of labour, I mean the Colorado field, before the reading christian public. It is to invite Dr. T. L. Gaylor to make Colorado a visit during the trip of the General Assembly the present spring. If this meets your approval you may append my name to a formal invitation for him to visit us. should be obtained also. This is the very field for his pen and I think he would appreciate an invitation of that kind. We could free him from expenses while here, tho we could not pay his traveling expenses. There is no man whom I would be more pleased to see than he and I think there is none that could do us more good through the public press. Please think of this.

After sending my report in I received a note from the Treasurer stating our church had not contributed. I immediately took up a collection and forwarded it and to-day our Ladies Missionary Society will send them a mite from their earnings. I had taken up a collection but was ashamed to send it as it was so small. I am curious to know if I am to forfeit my salary by the delinquency, if so I am "gone up."

We had a pleasant meeting last Sabbath evening at which we ordained an additional Elder, Matice a good lawyer and a fair man. We also added to our Board of Deacons. Hughes was desirous of having a new Deacon not opposed to the Elder, but the people insisted and that too without any suggestion from us, as I was not at the meeting.

Your brother in Christ,

W. E. Hamilton.



Trinidad, Colo.,  
April 22d, 1874.

Dear Jackson;—

Yours with reference to Communion set received. Please forward by way of Pueblo, in care of Field & Hill, to A. G. Stark, Trinidad, Colo.

If you communicate again with the donors, please give them our most sincere and hearty thanks.

Our town has been greatly excited the past few weeks by outrages that have been committed against law and order, and some even by those who should enforce law. Scarcely anything else has been the subject of conversation. One of our papers is wholly occupied with the subject, the other scarcely refers to it. The latter is very naturally looked upon with some suspicion. The citizens met, discussed, and censured what had been done, and declared themselves unflinchingly in favor of law and order. We hope to have a safer and quieter town hereafter.

The I. C. of S. T. seems also to be commencing what we hope will be a good work.

Our songregation are in good spirits and hopeful and kind.

The Board of Trustees are good men as could be found in the place, and will, I think take an active interest in the welfare of the community. They are on the alert for anything that may be turned to our advantage.

The Methodists, South, and Episcopalians have discontinued services, leaving and Presbyterians among protestants. The Episcopalian pastor offered their property to us for \$2500, but our Board of Trustees will not give more than \$1500 at the outside. It consists of two lots, one of which will some day be valuable and a chapel that answers present purposes. If this fails, as is probable, I think we will try to put up a chapel from ten to twelve hundred dollars this summer.

Enclosed is order for \$5 to pay Mrs. Dimears subscription to the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. Please give me a receipt to hand her. I paid it myself, feeling under special obligation to her, as she let wife have her sewing machine several weeks, and would take nothing in return. Mr. D. has also been very unfortunate in here, and this will relieve her a little,

This leaves but two more names unpaid, I think. Will try to send these before long.

In haste and

E. F. Robb.



Bozeman, Mon. Ter.,  
April 22d, 1874.

Dear Mrs. Martin:-

It now seems pretty certain to us that, as a family we shall find that our work in Montana is done at the end of a few weeks. If so "the school" will be merged into some other form of operation. Of all of which you will be informed if it becomes actual. I want to have the cost and freight of the Piano, sent to me immediately. I expect to sell it if we change as above, and desire to give back, to the "Mission School Association" to be appropriated in their work, the amount they have advanced. I suppose however I am only ignorant of the cost price, for which I paid freight up to Corinne \$47.34 and thence to Bozeman \$63.90 - \$111.74

Yours truly,

L. B. Crittenden.

To this letter I replied that we did not wish to have the Piano sold but Miss Crittenden might it and refund to herself in that way what she had expended for transportation on the Piano, the instrument was to be kept for the school.

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Pueblo, April 24th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

I received your kind note of condolence and do hope dear Bissie is well by this time.

My object in writing is to state to you that I shall apply for a renewal of my commission here. I think the leadings of Providence are in that direction at present. When should other fields be open I can consider them. I have a fancy for the Georgetown field, but I know that our brother M. is not fully separated from it as yet. When I asked him if he had resigned he said, he supposed matters would reach that point at length, from which I inferred he intended to hold on for the present. Should the field become decidedly vacant and there is no other applicant for it I would like at least to visit it. Meanwhile I shall do all I can to build up the Kingdom of Christ here tho having been so badly treated here.

I am watching my opportunity for striking in at So. Pueblo. We have now one of our Elders there and another is soon to follow. I have proposed to M. Bradfield, our choirister to form a quartette and go over there to sing and preach the gospel and I hope soon to see our way open for that project. Mr. Brewster of Canon also is there and interested in the matter.



My wife and little May join me in kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, the children, and yourself, and in hopes that dear Bessie is now well.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. L. Hamilton.

Bozeman, M. T.,

April 29th, 1874.

Bro. Jackson;-

I wrote you on the 21st inst. and told you that it seemed as though our work was done here. It is still uncertain whether we can or ought to remain. I shall write to you again if any turn in affairs shall induce us to change the plan of my letter of the 21st.

Twenty-two persons have paid \$12 for the "Presbyterian Home Missionary." I am to put this list of names with Bro. J. H. Taylor, postmaster, and I want the paper to come to them at least one year from date. I have added eight more names to the list and shall perhaps get \$3.00 more. You now send thirty copies. You may add five if you choose. I will try to place them well and hope this way do good.

I am not satisfied we can raise here \$200 for salary of the proper young man for preacher, and have distinctive services. We have the subscription partly filled, and if a man similar to Russell or were here on the ground I have hoped that for "Bozeman and vicinity" \$300 to \$400 could be raised. With sincere regards,

yours fraternally,

L. B. Crittenden.

West Chester, April 29th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear brother;-

Enclosed you will find \$5 for the Missionary paper. It is the first it has been convenient to send since the draft of \$125. I mention this that you may know if this reaches you safely, that nothing has been lost.

The Rev. Fink has gotten a place for his church. Can you tell how much money it will take to get it in condition to worship in? I ask this because I mean to ask Mrs. McConey to give something and I would like to be posted about it. She was in and sat with me an hour or two last week. I read her your letter omitting what was said about the draft. She seemed shocked at the rate of interest Rev. Fink had paid, and when you spoke of the little we had an opportunity of doing,



going on through him, and the hope that he might in the world of bliss, have the pleasure of seeing what results were produced by it, she seemed very thoughtful. I then read her parts of the two letters from the Missionaries, you sent me. I thought she seemed much impressed. I was on the eve of asking her to unite with me in making up a small sum, when a stranger was introduced into my room, and Mrs. M. left. It seemed strange to me that it should have appeared so, but it is, and was all in God's hands. It may be it would have been hasty, and she needed more time to get ready for the work. It was certainly beyond my control, and so I leave it with my father. She asked me many questions about the position, etc. She asked me if I was acquainted with Mrs. Thomas to whom I sent the paper. I replied, very slightly indeed. She said "Well she is coming to see you so there is a treat in store for you, she has been to see me and seems full of the Missionary Spirit." All these things encourage me to think that Mrs. M. may yet develop the same spirit. She is many years older than I am, and is of great wealth, and no child or husband, of a wisely family, and herself tending that way strongly. Will you pray, with me, that our Father may show her where to lay up her treasures, and give her the true riches.

I do deeply regret my want of faith, and long for more love. At times I almost lose all my hope in Christ, and my mind is so darkened. Surely oftentimes when I would do good evil is present with me. I am often very very weary of the conflict. When I am talking sometimes to others, and asking them to come to Christ, I think of Mrs. Browning's lines at Corcoran's grave. In one verse she says

"Oh man this man in brotherhood  
Your weary hearts beguiling  
Graced only, while he gave you peace  
And died while you were smiling."

I am so weary of the conflict sometimes, that it seems at most a living death. I tell you this that you may know how to pray for me. I desire more far more than life a larger faith and love. In a measure I know it is constitutional, but I know too that our Father is able to lift us above ourselves if we only had the faith to credit what he says. You will I know pray for me that I may have the Graces of the Spirit.

Sincerely your friend,

F. A. Davis.

Please direct letters to Mrs. C. E. Darlington. I am standing on the brink, a marvel to all that I am here still.

F. A. D.



Evans, May 1st, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

I see from the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian that a committee has been appointed by the first church in St. Louis (Dr. on accommodations and railroad fare. I wonder what might be done for the "wives of delegates" Mrs. Stewart would enjoy a visit to St. Louis and her old home in Illinois. She would be no "tax" on the committee if accommodation, but has felt we could not very well afford the means to go. I am very anxious that she should make the visit with me as she will not likely soon have as good an opportunity. I intend she shall go if I have to pay full fare for her. But at the same time, if arrangements could be made by which the "wives" could go on half fare it would be very desirable. I wonder some "Society of Benefaction" has not hit on some scheme of that kind as a help to Missionaries practically in a foreign field.

Brother Thompson said you were to be at Greeley this week. Will you not stop here also? If you have not yet made the trip and are to make it stop here and I will take you up to Greeley in a buggy.

Are you going to the Assembly? I expect to start on Tuesday of the week when the Assembly meets.

I shall expect a clear and definite statement from you or Brother Arnold of any business which the Wyoming Pres. will expect to present before the Assembly. I do not know that there is any, except that matter in reference to the division of the Presbytery. Would not that properly come before the

Assembly, and what do you and brother Arnold think in regard to the matter now?

I had a letter from Cowper the other day. He wants his letter "but is mild" in comparison with his former letters; takes back all he has written me and confesses his wrong.

Brother Welch is leaving Salt Lake, that is strange.

We are all well, have had bad colds, but are quite well now. Mrs. Stewart joins in regards to you and Mrs. Jackson,

Yours in kindness,

J. F. Stewart.



Georgetown, May 2d, 1874.

Rev. Bro. Jackson;-

Your favor received. We will try and finish our church, ready for dedication on the evening of June 9th as suggested.

Please come prepared yourself to preach the dedication sermon. Shall be very glad to welcome here the Assembly Delegation.

Among the parties invited here please urge our very dear pastor of 3rd church Chicago Rev. A. V. Witteridge, to whom I will also write to-day.

Best regards to your family,

Yours truly,

T. M. Oviatt.

Deer Lodge, Montana,

May 4, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

X X X X My grounds for becoming offended at you are these:

First, you told me distinctly and plainly before I came to Montana that I was to be settled at Helena. On the way out here you intimated that possibly Mr. Rommel would not come out unless he was settled in Helena. But you said you would if possible have him settle at Deer Lodge. In a letter of Dr. Kendall's to Mr. Rommel he says it was the distinct understanding between you and the Sec's of the Board before you left New York on your way to Montana that Mr. Rommel should be settled at Helena, and I at Deer Lodge. When Mr. Rommel came he said he had never been asked to go anywhere except to Helena. I felt at the time that it was exceedingly shabby treatment to be promised a place and then unceremoniously superseded for all your conversation with me and your letters to me were to the effect that I should be the minister in Helena. Although in the providence of God it has turned out that Mr. Rommel is better adapted to be pastor of the Helena church than I, and I better suited to the people of Deer Lodge than he, yet I consider that the offense against righteousness and justice by you remains the same. You knew neither the adaptation of Mr. Rommel for Helena nor of me for this place. The same arrangement would have been brought about in an open, frank and above board manner.

2nd. When I complained to you that \$1000 per year was not enough you led me to believe that you could increase the amount and would have it done, promising to write to the Board and have them raise it at once. Whether you wrote to the



Board or not on this subject I do not know; I only know that my salary was not increased until after I came to Deer Lodge to live, or when I had at last told the Sec's that I would have to leave if they did not increase the amount.

Ord. You promised Mr. Fracheltson and me to see that the Board paid all our traveling expenses if we would travel during our first year in Montana. When I settled in Deer Lodge and wrote to the Board about it I was informed that the Board would pay only my salary, and no other expenses.

These are the principal points in my becoming offended at you. I do not wish to stir up an old quarrel. My object is to endeavor to settle once and finally an old dispute and if possible to live at peace with you and all men."

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J. R. Russell.

Denver, Colorado,

June 22, 1874.

Rev. J. R. Russell,

Dear Brother:

Yours of May 4th came as I was leaving for the General Assembly. I regret that I could not have answered it promptly. But this is my first opportunity.

I will take up your counts in order after earnest prayer for Divine guidance.

1st. "That I received you with reference to Helena, etc." This I deny. When I first conversed with you about going to Montana I supposed, and said so, that the first one agreeing to go could have the choice of fields, but after an interview with the Secretaries of the Board I was informed that Mr. Rommel was to go to Helena. When I returned to Colorado, I informed you of this change, of which I have witnesses.

I told the same in various points in Montana, that the understanding was for you to supply Helena and Deer Lodge until Mr. Rommel should arrive; after which you were expected to supply Deer Lodge and Missoula.

This understanding you, yourself acknowledged, in a letter to me, which I sent to the Board, and which I presume is on file among their records.

But even if the above had not been the case, you know that being simply the Agent of the Board, I cannot bind them for they have the power to overrule all my promises and wishes.

Your second and third counts are as to "Salary" and



"traveling expenses." Again I say you misapprehend me. I had even then been too long in the work to make any definite promise whatever as to the amount of salary. And I could not have done so, if I had wished, as I cannot bind the Board. - I could only say that I will recommend and urge the Board to do so and so. And I probably said that if you found that the salary was not sufficient that I would try and have it increased. And I did try and it was in part owing to my influence that your salary was increased after you moved to Deer Lodge.

And perhaps I could have secured a still larger increase if yours and Frackelton's complaining letters to the Board and your neglect to care for Missoula, after being relieved of Helena, had not so dissatisfied the Secretaries that they felt that a mistake had been made in sending you out; that you were not the man for the kind of work you were expected to do. The Board expected you to get a horse (and if necessary, would probably have found some Sabbath School, who would have thus furnished you) and thus journey to and fro from Missoula, preaching at stations along the way on your monthly trip. In the majority of instances no charge would have been made for your lodging and meals, you would also have brought the gospel within reach of three times as many people as you have done and carried out the purpose of the Board in commissioning you. If you had thus done, as other Missionaries in other new sections of the field are doing, you would have found that at the close of the year would have had just as much money in your possession as you did under the present policy. If you had incurred more expense it could in one way and another have been made up to you. There would have been no loss at the end of the year.

Thus not considering myself guilty of your various charges I have no apology to offer. I can only say that I am sorry that you have permitted your mind to so dwell upon your supposed grievances as to make you feel uncomfortable and hinder you in your work and to cause you to violate the rights of hospitality. When you were a stranger in a strange land we furnished you a home and under circumstances that for weeks were exceedingly inconvenient at and that involved great personal sacrifices on our part. We did it cheerfully and lovingly and would have never mentioned it only to show you how we felt our feelings outraged when the next thing we heard from you was the charges, not first sent to me for explanation but direct to the Board; then, second, the action of the Presbytery that was liable to injure me before the Church; and then third, a letter from a prominent Presbyterian in Montana stating that the action of the Presbytery was forced through by yours; if; then fourth, the direct assertion by Mr. Frackelton to me, that you threatened the Presbytery that if they did not pass these resolutions you would withdraw and break up the Presbytery. Then fifth, your letter to me, which is now before me, calling on me to resign and wishing the Board would remove me.



As these things came out one after another, do you wonder that I felt wounds of one that I had supposed to be a warm friend?

But I carried these grievances at once to the Cross and left them there, and have worked on with all my vigor for Montana, as if they had not occurred. Indeed the care of the churches and the perplexity of my position are so great that I have no time to treasure up personal affronts or pay much attention to personal attacks. Any evil influence that might have resulted from the action of the Presbytery was prevented by the exposure brought upon the Presbytery by the injudicious behavior of the Montana's Commissioner to the Assembly. (It was the laughing stock of the Assembly of '73 and the Assembly of '74 appointed a committee to investigate certain fraudulent practices charged against both the Montana Commissioners.)

The action of the Presbytery also gave me the opportunity of returning home for good, -- Mr. Crittenden would not have remained in Montana six months without my special help -- (I have the papers to prove it.)

And the money which both yourself and M. Roppel are receiving from the Board was raised by my personal effort last February.

As another manifestation of good for evil, I am paying the subscription on your Weekly Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, which I am now doing for one of the Ministers of Colorado. It is a small thing, to be sure, but it shows the principle and my reason for doing it was because I feel you were not cordial towards me -- for so I take any credit for these things. I could not keep hard feelings towards you and yet pray for you and your work by name, as I have done and continue to do, every week -- I could not continue to cherish hard feelings against any brother and yet expect God's blessing on my work.

The reason work has not been done for Montana is due to the times. Upon my return from Montana, where I had hoped to receive money to have assisted you in building, the Chicago fire occurred, and there was a drying up of the fountains of special benevolence. Then came the bad report of Montana as the result of Mr. Frankston's course at the Assembly, which was followed by Jay Gould's failure and the suspension of work on the Northern Pacific Railroad. This latter brought in immigrants and especially any increase of population in Montana largely at a stand still, and consequently affected Church work. So far as I can learn the Board now propose simply the commission of a man for Montana. If you or Brother Roppel know of a suitable man for the place that could be had please send me his name and address and I will try to secure him. If the building of the N.P.R.R. had continued with the necessary result of a large increase of population, they would probably have sent you one or three more missionaries. In the meantime we can only wait and pray and prepare the way for a large increase of the



work when the population commences to flow in. In my relations to you I have ignored the past and am trying to work on, as if it had not been, when you are ready to do the same, we can work together. And I scarcely need assure you, that this state of things would give me great satisfaction. And if you saw your way open to serve Missoula once a month, it would give the Board at New York or the church at large great satisfaction, and prepare the way for an increase in your ministerial force. I have thus written fully and frankly as you desired. Watching with much interest for the completion of your church and with earnest weekly prayer for God's blessing on you and your work, and asking a constant interest in your prayers, I remain your Brother in Christ.

Sheldon Jackson, Supt of Presbyterian  
Missions in Montana,  
Utah, New Mexico, Colorado & Wyoming.

Willow Brook, May 4th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Christian Friend;-

I was very happy to receive your kind letter of the 31st of March and also the letter from Miss Louis or Missoula addressed to you. I sent it at once to our Secretary Mrs. We held our annual meeting on the 15th of April. The ladies made up the balance due on the Piano sent of Miss Crittenden for the school at Bozeman. The Ladies Board at New York sent \$50, Miss Sims sent \$32 and the balance \$242 was given by the Ladies Mission School Association. They also gave last year in school books \$204 to Miss Crittenden, making in all \$452 for the school at Bozeman. Our society is very much interested in Miss Louis and in her school at Missoula. We have given within six or seven months over \$120 to her school, and have not yet made our collections for the current year. The Ladies voted to sustain Miss Louis at Missoula. We would like to know what is the least she will require of us to go on with her school.

We have now completed our Memorial fund (I would like to tell you about it.) and we can go to work without any drawback for our mission schools. The school at Bozeman is under the care of the Ladies Board of Missions at New York. They will go on and help sustain Miss Crittenden provided some help can be obtained from another quarter. Mrs. Graham writes under date of April 30th "Miss Crittenden has written to know if we (the Ladies Board at New York) will give her \$500 again next year and she will get an assistant and take some music school-ars" Mrs. Graham thinks she will need some help to raise this amount. If you think it best, to raise it, would you ask some



of the ladies societies at the West to raise \$200 to sustain this school?

Our Association at Albany propose to take Miss Sims under its care. I have her for our Missionary, as our Society is union, we think it better not to be auxiliary to any denominational school, though hitherto we have sustained Missionaries in concert with the Ladies Board of the Presbyterian church. Personally I work with Mrs. Graham and help her when I can to so to organize societies auxiliary to the Pres. boards.

I send you a circular letter in which I think your warm christian heart and far seeing benevolence will be interested. You will see by it that we aim to reach with christian influence every Military Post in our country. I hope you will be able to co-operate with us in this labor of love.

My daughters Mrs. Alexander and Nelly expect to leave Fort Union to-day on their journey homeward. They are coming by slow stage across the plains, stopping out at nights. I thought they might possibly be in St. Louis when you and Mrs. Jackson are there. Will you please enquire for them at Gov. Blair's house and ask for Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Blair's mother. She will be very glad to see you even if my daughter is not there. Mrs. Alexander is General Alexander's mother. She is a devoted christian and a member of the Presbyterian church. She has been blind for more than thirty years. Mrs. Blair's number is 72707 Chestnut St., St. Louis.

Dear Mr. Jackson, I hope you will be able to be present at the fall meeting of our Society at Albany. It is now fixed for the 10th of October, but we will have it at any time in the autumn which is most convenient to you. We could all like very much to have you present.

I was very happy to learn through the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian that the communion service sent to Fort Garland had been given to the church at Trinidad. Mrs. Alexander wrote me that she was very happy to give it to Trinidad.

I do wish the Communion might be administered occasionally at every one of our Military Posts. At Ft. Union several persons have united in the communion service, making a profession of their faith for the first time.

I send you two letters from a soldier who belonged to my daughter's bible class at Fort Union. Will you please return them to me?

I will leave it to your good judgement to do or not the proposed work of the Ladies Union Mission School and at Military Posts.

I suppose Mrs. Alexander will be at the terminus of the railroad perhaps at Kit Carson by the 1st of this month.

Believe me,

Very truly your friends,

Cornelia W. Martin.



Silver City, New Mexico,  
May 7th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

My dear sir;-

Yours is just at hand and I am really glad that steps may be taken to replace Mr. Woodby some more suitable minister. Plain truth compels me to state that Mr. Wood is entirely unfit for a Missionary besides being utterly and heartily despised by the entire community.

I will endeavor to keep you posted and also send you a list of communicants in the Presbyterian Church.

With zeal for the good of this community and consequently of all church organizations, I remain,

Yours in haste,

O. L. Scott.

Willowbrook, May 14th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear friend;-

I hope that this letter may reach you at Denver before you leave for St. Louis, for I would like to know what you think of the prospects of establishing a ladies school at Bozeman.

I had just made the last payment on the Piano sent out there last fall, when I received a letter from Mr. Crittenden saying that they expected to break up at Bozeman and intended selling the Piano and desired to know just what to do for it, offering to refund the money to our association.

Feeling that the knowledge that the school at Bozeman was broken up and the Piano which we had labored so hard to pay for was sent out was lost, I at once wrote to Mr. Crittenden that we could not consent to have the Piano sold, but desired that it might be placed in the hands of some suitable person in trust for the Protestant school which we wished to see established at Bozeman. Mr. Crittenden paid freight on the Piano full. I suggested that he should the Piano to reimburse him for what he had expended and that it should be left at Bozeman until a school could be established.

We can never get public confidence or carry on our society, unless we can show some perseverance in our christian enterprises.

Write me what will be done at Bozeman. We have just got our friends interested in that enterprise. It is near Ft. Ellis, this is one reason for our wishing to keep up the school.



Is Miss Louis succeeding at Missoula? I hear that a good man has been sent to Santa Fe.

Please let us know what you hear about Bozeman, Missoula, and Santa Fe.

I hope you will see my daughters at St. Louis.

Believe me

your friend,

Cornelia W. Martin.

Our Piano at Bozeman is a \$600 instrument. We paid for it at Auburn Falls, paying 35, making \$230. We also sent over \$200 worth of valuable school books for the school.

Singham, Utah,

May 1877, 1874.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir;-

I will enclose \$2 sent to me from Mrs. M. Florine of Wapasha, Wisconsin, to use as you thought best. She is a particular friend of mine. When writing to her, told her of your visit to our place, and sent her the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. She was very glad to get the paper and hear from you, and said she felt as if acquainted with you, through her brother the Rev. Stuart Mitchem. and your correspondence with the Presbyterian.

I very much wish that I could stir up all my friends west so do something more for Home Missions.

We were all very much disappointed in not seeing you here again this spring. My wife and I hope that you will consider our wants and the wants of this people and do something for us this summer. My wife and I are waiting, when the Rev. Mr. Jackson is coming here again, to be so anxious to have some minister here, one that manifests some interest in them.

I go out very early to hear the Rev. Mr. Carver. He comes up on Sabbath morning and returns the same day and that is all he is here, so he can know but very little of the wants of this people. We have no Sabbath School. The Methodists are closing just as they did last season. There has been three Sabbaths that Mr. Carver has failed to come since he began to preach. I fear he is not adapted to a mining camp.

I do hope you will consider our destitute condition and do something for us if possible.

I fear that the Presbyterians are not doing as much as we ought, we need some one to stir us up to more activity. We all seem to be poor, but I believe if we had a minister here we could do something. I had hoped that we were soon to have the "glad tidings" from one of God's servants. Though the word is



nigh us, even in our hearts: still we yearn for the living voice of the ambassador of Christ.

I suppose the Rev. Mr. Welch has kept you posted in regard to us in the Canon. I heard he was to return from the east this week.

I fear I have trespassed on your time and patience.

Very respectfully yours,  
Mrs. Nathaniel Ellis.

Trinidad, Colorado,  
May 15th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

We have rented the hall over the post-office for service hereafter, begin the next Sunday. The room larger, more convenient, and better located than our former one.

Six months ago our Sunday School started with twelve pupils. Now it numbers forty, and is rapidly increasing both in numbers and interest. The attendance at preaching service has increased in nearly the same ratio.

The Episcopalians and M.E. South have both discontinued services in Trinidad.

Our Sunday School was started the same hour and just across the street from the M.E. North Sunday School, and in that place has obtained its present size. They now change their hour to the afternoon.

Our prospect of spiritual advancement seems very good. We rejoice not at others' weakness, but at the strength and favor which the Lord has given us.

Sometime ago the Board sent a postal to the effect that the application from Trinidad church would be considered April 28th. Have heard nothing since. The Board must have met two weeks ago. Why is it?

Believe me I wrote you that our little daughter, added to our household. Wife is able to sit up most of the day, and is getting along very nicely. Baby seems to be in perfect health, and is already a great comfort and blessing.

Please excuse the letter addressed to Miss Lizzie Thatcher to Mrs. Lizzie Scotland, Trinidad. I married her to one of our trustees last evening, in the M.E. church, which is completed inside, and not provided to be married in service here.

Your brother in Christ,  
J. E. Scott.



Trinidad, Cal.,  
May 18th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

After writing the preceding sheet, received yours of May 18th. Will try to meet the expenditures in regard to the quarterly letter to Lewisburgh S.S. Am not corresponding with any other school.

With to-day's mail received my commission from the Board, granting me \$900 instead of \$1000 asked for. Was afraid at the time I applied they would not allow the full amount, but could not conscientiously ask for more than I expected and desired them to give.

I certainly live in as frugal style as could be required yet am \$200 behind during the past year, aside from what I owe on a house purchased here. Have been unable to procure what help I needed for the study of Latin lessons and am afraid that now I must cancel my life insurance policy. Am not wholly dependent, and will remain here if I can, for there is a good work to be done here. Yet unless great changes take place, I do not see how I can here clear myself of liabilities that must be met. Think I can sell my house readily for cost, and would be inclined to do so, were there a certain prospect of an efficient man to take my place here. While the prospects are good here, the members are really few and weak, and as T of Lewisburgh says, it will not do to press the Con. You cannot press outsiders, especially when you are only laying foundations.

Yours,

E. F. Robb.

Missoula, May 18th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Christian Friend;-

Your kind letter containing Mrs. Martin's has been received. I return it in this at your request. Its contents have greatly encouraged me. Select schools in Montana are not a very reliable means of support.

If Miss Crittenden leaves Bozeman, do you not think that would be a better place for me than Missoula? If there is a public school here during the winter I am afraid a select school cannot be sustained.

There is talk some of taking the winter's appointment to pay the present teacher for his summer work. If they do there will be no public school and I can have a select school. If they succeed in collecting this special tax I am afraid the people will not feel like paying it and tuition also any longer than this present term.



There is to be a new school board elected in August and I think a strong attempt will be made to elect those who will favor me. If they succeed I am in just the situation I wish to be, there will be only public money enough to have a three months' term and I will have the balance of the year for a private school.

Miss Ryan advised me to go to Denver this fall, but I feel that I can do much more good in Montana. Besides the expense of going is so much to pay out of my own pockets.

Mr. Kennett's sister has arrived in Missoula - she adds one more to our church.

The supplement to the "Illustrated Christian Weekly" assists us so much in teaching by Sabbath School, as we use the "International Bible Lessons" please accept thanks for those sent, and if you can spare them I would be glad to receive more whenever it is convenient for you to send them.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson and the little girls.

Respectfully yours,

Charles E. Sims.

Bozeman, Montana T. R.,

May 19th, 1874.

Brother Jackson;

Yours of the 8th inst is at hand, and last night the order for Special fare on the N. P. R.R. came from Thomas L. Kimball. We cannot avail ourselves of it within the sixty days limitation and I have returned it asking that the time may be extended. We shall have to wait till after the spring.

I suppose brother Rommel and Russell will be in correspondence in regard to a minister for this place. I have told them and the "Board of H.R." also about the subscription raised for a minister. I think I can probably make up to \$300 if they see a fair preacher and a good way on the ground. There is not a comfortable hall which can be secured at reasonable rent for the services of the congregation.

On the 19th ult I sent you a postal money order for \$12. I told you to send, if you pleased five copies of the but since I have found five copies coming to Miss Street and the thirty which came in the other package is enough.

I trust the Lord will give us a place to labor again for him.

yours in fellowship of Christ,

L. B. Crittenden.



Georgetown, Colo.,  
May 20th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver.

Dear Bro.:-

Providence permitting we shall on Saturday next, have our entrance doors to the church, and to complete the hanging we need the trimmings, and I thought that perhaps thro you some of our Presbyterian brethren in the hardware line in Denver would be glad to donate something towards our church, therefore I apply to you. Now we want trimmings for double doors 2 inches in thickness - one of the doors will require bolts above and below, the lock we would prefer to be a \_\_\_\_\_ lock, but beggars must not be choosers.

Will you do this run for us and forward same by express so that we may get it by Saturday?

We are still without a shepherd, but think one of the right kind will come along in course of time.

Yours truly,  
W. B. \_\_\_\_\_

Silver City, May 22, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear sir:-

I have been purposing writing to you since early last fall in regard to our minister Mr. Wood. You certainly cannot be acquainted with him or he never would have been sent out here.

I have seen his most faithful female hearer and have tried to like and respect the man and have failed. When all others despised him, yet as to love or even respect him is impossible as he has no respect for himself. He is filthy - goes around town without a shirt on and no strings in his shoes. When he first came last August he had written sermons that were tolerably good but he has such a poor delivery that but few continued to go to hear him and last fall he commenced preaching only in the evening one sermon a day on the Sabbath and quit writing them and they were such miserable ones that only a half dozen or so went to hear him. I suppose it was too much exertion for him to write them, and then about three months ago he would only preach once in five or six weeks we continued to go, but he would have one excuse and then another. One day there was a horse race in the afternoon and he could not preach that evening, and the next time there was not enough out although there was eight of us, and another time the person he prepared his sermon for was not there and he would not preach, and so



and so forth until we were all convinced in our minds that we  
 went go any more, so he is just lying out here in an old  
 cabin in his filth and laziness. I always felt that he did  
 preach that we all went there for bread and received a stone.  
 People here would do well to consider providing he is a good

man and is at least respectable in his appearance. God is a  
monstrosity in any way you can see him. I have made up my  
 mind that he is either a bad man or partially insane and all  
 the people think as I do. He will lie without a touch in the  
 world; I have caught him in as plain lies as ever was told  
 and he tried to keep some of the Sunday School money last win-  
 ter. I think all he is staying for is to get his salary. It  
 is a shame to have the money thrown away in such a manner.  
 He is a disgrace to the cause and has so disgusted the most  
 of the people with a minister that it will be hard for another  
 man to win them back, and we all feel the need of a good  
 minister so much. I never realized that it was so to be without  
 one until we came here three years ago and I feel that we are  
 all drifting on the road to ruin without without a hand to  
 save or encourage us to better things. I united with the Meth-  
 odist church in Central A. T. under the preaching of Rev. M. T.  
 Vincent in 66; he also married us. Oh what a dear good man he  
 is.

I have tried to write just the plain truth and have asked  
 God to aid me in writing. God knows I am not writing for any  
 malicious intentions but because I do think it a shame and sin  
 to keep this man here and tell as though I ought to write you  
 about it, and I know there is not an American here that would  
 not sign their name to this if I asked to do so. He has not a  
 single friend in this place.

Yours in all sincerity,

Mrs. J. M. Hall.

My ink is very poor as you perceive.

Trinidad, Colo.,  
 May 1884, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Enclosed find P.O. order for \$2 to apply  
 on subscription of Mrs. J. M. Hall

Believe I wrote you in regard to our occupancy of a  
 new room for services.

Hardly know what the trustees think at present a-  
 bout building this screen, as have been too busy to have much  
 conversation with anybody. Mary been sick for two weeks past,  
 and exclusive nurse also most of that time. Mrs. J. is gain-  
 ing strength, but not yet able to resume household duties.



Performed another marriage ceremony the other evening, the last one of our members. This is my fourth opportunity to officiate in that capacity, being called on for the protestant weddings in town since my coming.

Am very interested in the way sympathies are with that Chicago seems to have showed its sympathy in the other direction so marked as not to its reputation for impartiality.

that the prosecutor will have an opportunity of pleading the case before the jury for more fairness.

will be in your company on the last Sunday of June.

Yours, I join me in kindest regards,

Yours,

E.F. Robb.

Silver City, N. M.,

May 26, 1874.

Dear Brother Straker;

Yours of April 30th and May 6th are at hand, and I am arriving this morning. The thanks of the anti-slavery community are due you and as far as I have been able show your letter was feelingly tendered for the practical action taken in laying our case before the Mission Board. This Board owes it to this community to send us a first class man fully equipped and called a church free of cost to the town for the disgust created by the presence of this man Wood, and all that would not slowly overcome the danger to the cause of humanity by his presence. To give you an idea of the character of the man I will mention one instance. A family informed the mother of which was then his most zealous supporter and faithful attendant at service for an infant of eleven months lying at the point of death with three physicians in consultation and numerous lady friends present tendering help and sympathy and consolation when this Missionary Wood made his appearance his attire consisting of dirty, ragged, and filthy dirty trousers, a filthy or red but minus Coat Vest and shirt and a fancy sketch but capable of being proved and he wears his socks as a manifestation of the toes becomes an offence, he has never had his shoes laced up since coming to town, added to this he has been caught in a dozen bare-faced lies, and one attempt to defraud the Sunday School fund (obtained by 5 cent contributions from the children) of a dollar. Now Mr. Straker, the secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Missions meet in your city about this time you will do our town an incalculable favor by representing this case before them and urging upon them the necessity of sending this very best man no rough face will do now, and a man of ordinary abilities will



find it up hill work to counteract the effects of the present incumbents conduct as you suggest a married man would be most suitable, but reiterate it that he must be a good man and one of first class ability or if not that not at all as any other will prove an entire failure. We are poor, but we have brains and hearts and a memory of having sat under the ministry of able and good men. Every family, of which there are about fifty Americans and from respectable connections are to be pleased to by an ass won't win. Please present this petition to Rev. Sheldon Jackson editor of the Rocky Mountain Freeman, Denver if you meet him. He goes to your city to meet the Secretary.

Yours,

O. L. Scott.

Chicago, Ill.  
May 20th, 1871.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:-

I write to say that our church have invited Rev. J. S. Sage of Franklin, Ohio. Bro. of the Central Pastor to come with the evangelist party and preach three months with a view of settlement.

I sincerely think the church will be ready for dedication at that time very soon after and it is desired best to have it occur on Sabbath afternoons for seasons.

I am rejoiced that we have so good a prospect of a Shepherd for this truly excellent church, and this is certainly a field.

Kindest regards to your family. I will endeavor to aid you in every possible way when your party reach here the 8th.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Oviatt.



Peoria, May 28th/74.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

It will be entirely beyond my power to meet the Assembly party. I received as I wrote you a telegram from Georgetown giving me an invitation to supply there three months with a view of settlement.

I have written them that I will start as soon as I can travel with freedom. In two weeks probably.

I am sorry I cannot be present at Dedication of new church.

I may get to Peoria but expect to talk soon.

I hope you will have a good time and get yourselves consolidated for Missionary work.

If you can get this year with Mr. Kendall for a tour among the churches I will engage you to bring my wife out if all is favorable for my returning.

Your Brother,

John L. Gage

Colorado Springs,

June 5th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

I suppose you are now in Denver with your crowd of tourists. I wish very much that I could be there with you all, but have not felt justified in leaving home. Please drop me a line and let me know just when to expect you down here and as early as you can how many and who will come. I wish, if possible, you could send me one of the big guns for June 14th. I want to show them a shyt & make all I can in the town just now.

The Congregationalists here have been trying hard to effect an organization but have not done so yet. They have a strong element in the community however and are only waiting a good chance to get on their feet. Just think of it, there are three or four of Congregationalist Ministers here and you may be sure they won't always keep their mouth shut as to the expediency of starting a Congregationalist church. It will come sometime, but I have been trying to drive the stakes so firmly that when it does it won't affect us very materially. There are a good many Congregationalists that say out and out that they won't leave us anyway.

Our S.S. is increasing. We have got the floor nicely covered with matting, and have just got a fine new pulpit sofa. House full every Sunday. Now try to secure a rouser for June 14th. Tomorrow night we have a S.S. concert, the main feature being a sermon to the children by the "pastor" I have bought a horse also buggy.

Ever yours,

J. G. Lowrie.



Marion, Cal.

Members of the General Assembly Excursion

We the subscribers pledge ourselves to a most earnest endeavor to raise the sums severally annexed to our names so that at least the sum of \$1000 be obtained for the relief of the Presbyterian church at Central City, Colorado Territory;

G. B. Hawley & wife	200.00,
J. F. Hughes	50.00,
O. A. Thompson	50.00,
A. B. Gardner	10.00,
H. A. Wiles	150.00,
R. W. Slagle	20.00,
M. Marion	20.00,
F. A. Watning	25.00,
D. M. V. Conaughy	30.00,
C. R. Skinner (will not only pay av- er, but will pay, paid June 17th)	50.00,
W. H. Robinson	100.00,
W. A. Robinson, Jr.	50.00,
E. D. Hughes	100.00,
I. Ogden	50.00,
Mrs. " "	50.00,

Bozeman, M. T.,

June 6th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Nothing has occurred since my last to you to encourage us to think we can usefully and helpfully continue our stay in Montana. I have written to Bro. Welch and his reply gives me no hope for a place there. H. says, which I know, that Corvallis and Evanston are still vacant, but his report does not make these points as hopeful as when I was there in '73. Suppose we can get to Denver. In that case can we rest there as a base for advance, if not for permanent employment. My daughter is competent to act as choirister in church, to teach vocal or piano music, or to take a place in the public schools or in an academy. Can you hear for her some place of the nature in Denver? Can Mrs. and Miss Britton find a place where I can leave them if necessary until I find another place? Perhaps there is some congregation or large gathering within "striking distance" from Denver to which I might minister. If I can get upon the R.R. and find there for a time the means of paying our living, then should I leave my wife and daughter, and after seeking a field of labor send for them, both or one of them



could come to me. We now think we shall leave here by wagon about the first of July and like emigrants make our way to Corinne in about twenty days. If we can gather up the means to pay our way we can get to Denver the last of July, or the beginning of August. I have received my special ticket to Omaha. Am not sure that the same rate will be allowed if we stop at Cheyenne.

Miss Sims wrote enquiring about Rosemary for a school. We replied that we should judge her situation was more promising there than here at present.

I have been hoping the Bro. Rowan would spend a Sabbath here, and still hope he will before I leave.

Accept cordial salutations from us all for yourself and family. Please reply immediately.

Yours in Christian fellowship,  
C. B. Griffithsen.

Atta City, Utah;  
June 8th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:-

I returned to Atta a couple of weeks ago after a rather protracted stay in Salt Lake. I feel fresh to the campaign, and determined to do as well as I can so long as I shall be here. I have notified the Board that I shall leave in the fall; and hope they may by that time hit upon a man to look after the place in my

I preached twice yesterday, and intend to have two religious services every Sabbath hereafter. The attendance was very encouraging. A number of new families have come in recently; so that the society is improving, although business is still backward.

A day school has been opened by Miss Wesley in the lecture room of the church.

We shall start up the Sabbath School next Sunday in the afternoon.

We have two or three men here now who are willing to assist in a prayer meeting, and I hope to commence one soon.

I am gaining ground among the Mormon families, and a number of that class seem disposed to attend our meetings.

The main thing that continues to oppress me is our church debt of \$400.

Brother Welch and I have concluded that the best thing to do is to raise \$100 here and apply to the Board for \$300.

The form of application which you sent me has been mislaid, and if you have any other on hand, please bring one with you when you come.



The people want to know when you are coming. I think you will find it pleasant now. The season is two weeks in advance of what it was last year.

Welch feels much encouraged. They are going ahead with their church affairs.

Hope the health of your family has improved.

Affectionately your brother in the Lord,

J. P. Schell

Fairplay, June 8th, 1874.

Bro. Jackson:-

I was about to send you my marriage notices on a card, when my wife suggested I tell you about our Sunday School concert last eve. We had almost as large again an audience as usual, about ninety or one-hundred. Many came out that are not accustomed to come at other times. I told for a subject a review of the last six months International lessons. The wanderings and murmurings of the Children of Israel. Treating their course as a blackboard map. I had a good deal of music and I think I can say truly that it was as well rendered as most of the larger schools of the city. There being exact-ly adapted to sentiment of the evening, and recitations of Scriptures proofs by scholars made it, I think, a good success. I have two young girls that I am giving private lessons in the culture of the voice and they sang together with two gentlemen "A Land of Beauty" published in the S.S. Visitor and words by Mr. Sample. It was sweetly rendered.

I have now organized a singing class that I am going to drill for my choir. Made my own selection and have bound them to do all they can.

You made a mistake in paper stating that our church was not to be finished till October, that it is to be done the first of August.

Austin of Alma joined church yesterday.

D. E. Finks.



Fort Collins, Colorado,  
Dec 9th, 1874.

Rev. William Jackson.

Most Respected Friend;-

Asking this for information as to when our annual election ought to take place. For instance the Trustees of the Presbyterian church at Fort Collins were regularly and legally authorized the 15th day of December, 1873. Previous to this date there is not any record of any kind. But we were elected in March 1873, by the congregation.

There is some in that are quite anxious for an election again. Everything in relation to the trustees is harmonious and no quarrels but some and without any exception none of the trustees attend church but myself. I think that if we had an election for the business and of the first standing in community and are so careful of church funds as though it was their own I think so as to think funds belonging to the church in our hands for trust is sacred and not one dollar will be squandered.

I think by having an election now would create more of a feeling outside than now exists which would be suicidal. Harmony is the strength of all institutions.

Rev. Mr. Patterson gave out last Sabbath that in two weeks after service would be a congregation meeting and probably an election of trustees, but not made it in accordance with the rules as I should understand to comply with the rules. All the way is everything correct. Three of the trustees resigned church for the reason of the difficulty of the \$100 draft which Mr. Patterson got in trouble about, which I am very sorry about and they are influential men here.

Dear friend when I write you I say more to you than I could to any other person respecting the church as wish to conceal nothing that is to our interest in the church here.

Please write me in regard to what ought to be the election time. I think our By-Laws made call for annual election in December because we were not legally authorized until we filed our incorporation in Denver at the Territorial office which was done the 15th day of December 1873, and at that date we were sworn in as trustees of the Presbyterian church before the County Clerk.

Most truly yours,

W. B. Vesceilius,

Sec'y.



Longmont, Colorado,

June 10th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:-

I suppose that you are at home now, and although you are doubtless very busy, I think that I ought to write, so that as much time as possible may be had to make what arrangements you may think best. I told you when here that we should be compelled to go east by September first to attend to some business matters that father's death left in my mother's hands and my own, and suggested the propriety of my giving up this field, and allowing another to take charge. My wife and I have talked over the matter a great many times, and the more we have talked, the firmer is our conviction that it is the best plan for us to give up this charge by the middle of August, as we shall be absent over two months and probably three, and the field ought not to be left so long without a supply.

It is true that matters are moving along quite smoothly and pleasantly than they were, but I fear that a three months' absence would leave the field to cultivate on our return.

Another reason why I think it wise to change places is that this alkali water has aggravated my dyspeptic troubles greatly and for months I have not been able to drink a swallow of water (unless boiled) without immediate distress. Strangely enough in every other respect have improved, and all those hepatic troubles that assailed me in Minn. have disappeared, or nearly so, while throat ailments have vastly improved.

We propose to go to Colorado Springs next week to try the waters there again for a week or ten days to see the result, my pulpit being supplied by a friend while absent.

Can't you secure a man by the middle of August or by September first. A man might supply Boulder and Longmont, or some plan hit upon that will not leave that destitute town, for they will never unite on Mr. Williams, and the St. appointment does not compare in importance with Longmont. I have preached in the upper school house, and also in the lower, but have found but very few Presbyterians there. In fact there are but three families anywhere near the upper, and we had but one family besides Mr. Annals at the lower the first Sabbath, and none besides Mrs. R the last time.

Our church meeting elected Mr. Asa B. Felt as Elder (to be ordained next Sabbath I think) and Messrs. Holt, Buckingham, Coffin, Blain, and Dr. Barclay as trustees.

Have you heard anything further from the Presb. of Freeport? Mrs. H. joins in kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson,

Your Bro. In Christ,

W. E. Honeyman.



Georgetown, Cal.,  
June 10th, 1874.

Bro. Jackson:-

Last night some malicious person broke into the church and committed a depredation, that proves my words about an evil spirit and a snake in the grass. It is to be sincerely regretted and I fear will break us up, if the depredators do not come forward and acknowledge it or withdraw from the church. We certainly cannot be connected with any parties who will countenance such an outrage perpetrated near midnight. If it had been done by day and fearlessly we would not have been so much depressed. We do not know but we may be outraged ourselves. I hope the outrage will abound in such a way as to unite our brethren, and open their eyes to Satan who certainly is in our midst.

Yours truly,  
W. Bennett.

St. Louis, June 11th, 1874.

The enclosed, dear Bro. Jackson, is in reference to the mission in Silver City, about which I took the liberty of writing to you. I trust you will be able to send the "first-fruit".

Yours in Jesus,  
A. B. Farris.

Trinidad, Cal.,  
June 12th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

I sent a postal a few days or week ago with reference to the Com. service, of which we have seen or heard nothing in a long time.

To-day I concluded to speak of something which I have been pondering for weeks past. Was troubled with catarrh for some years before coming to Colorado, and the trouble has been much increased by my sojourn here. A sudden change of weather this week aggravated it and determined me to mention the matter to you. It has become so serious and affected my voice so much that often I cannot get through with even a brief prayer meeting talk with noticeable hoarseness. From another point of view I also think seriously of a change of place. Two serious a week and prayer meeting, with almost



never a relief or exchange make the work quite as arduous as in an old congregation, and altho I can do the work, I have no time for general reading or improvement. Have honestly not read a single book of any kind since I came to Trinidad. After completing a year at this point, I would like to be for a while where only one new subject would have to be studied each week. Do not care to leave until in the fall or winter, but mention the matter now, so that if any of the excursionists wish to return to Colorado for a while, or if any one would be corresponding with you in regard to coming to the territory, you might be able to arrange a supply for this point.

Wife has never relax in the least her desire to return to the states. Her health has never been so good since that ride from Sargent which gave her a six weeks backache, and weakened it possibly for life. Though she has not been fretful or discontented and is willing to remain here or elsewhere in the territory so long as it seems best.

The prospect of having the A.T.&StFee 30-hundred or more miles nearer is very good now, and the towns and are both in better state than when we came.

Think I informed you as to discontinuance of services by the M. E., South and Episcopalians.

Bishop Spaulding had arranged to be here on Thursday of last week and preach in our room that day. He failed to reach the place until Saturday night and I offered him our room for services. He preached both in morning and evening. Having lost his sermons he was obliged to speak extempore, something he never does, so he says, and it was evident also from the difficulty with which he expressed himself. Consequently he left an impression much less favorable than what his position and probable talent would lead one to expect.

Wish you could be with us at our next Communion season.

Spaulding went to Santa Fe and will be back and hold a week service next week.

Mrs. R. joins in regards and baby too, so he says.

E. F. Robb.



Laramie, Wyoming Territory,  
June 10th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

We have fully made up our minds to leave for the east, and would like to go about the first of August. From Dr. Dickson's letter I infer that the Secretaries are willing I should go at any time.

Mrs. Arnold is very unhappy here and is also very feeble.

I have a call from Sidney. Tabor College is twelve miles from Sidney and I think it thorough and good. Should I go to Sidney, this will be an inducement. Bro. Carroll writes me Ft. Dodge, Iowa, is undersupplied and wishes me to visit our church there, perhaps I may do so before deciding in regard to Sidney.

I hope you will secure a good man for this field. I think a young man will do well. Can you not visit us soon? Should some one come before I leave no doubt arrangements could be made for Haviland, but if not, perhaps some other one would get the in my place. Haviland ought to be looked after.

Yours most truly,

F. A. Arnold.

West Chester, June 16, 1874.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear friend;-

I sit down now to write a few lines in order to enclose a draft for \$200 which I want you to use in to have some kind of a church for Bros. Fink and Cobb before winter. I wish you could give it either of them, or divide it between them as you may see best, with your knowledge of the whole ground. It is a small sum but all I feel that I can do now. And as I have received it, and my life is so uncertain I think best to put it in this letter which I will hand to my sister to keep a few days, hoping I may hear if you are at home or not. If I live to hear from you I will forward it at once, if not sister will do it for me. She is a Methodist, but loves the cause of Christ every where. Please direct my letter to her in acknowledging this draft, whether I live or not.

I am not so well as I have been but hope to get better again. The doctors say the walls of my heart are so very thin, the dilatation has gone so far that at any time there may be a rupture. So I thought I would like to put this in the way of reaching you, in case I was taken. I need add something more if I live to hear from you. While I cannot say I







Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.;

Dear sir;-

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Board of Trustees of Hanover College, at their late meeting, with great cordiality, conferred upon you the degree of D.D., which they hope will be acceptable as it has been judged appropriate.

Yours truly,

H. H. Young;

Sec'y Bd. Tr. H. Col.

Hanover, Ind.;

June 19th, 1874.

Boulder, June 22, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson;-

Yours of the 18th containing the enclosed letter afforded much joy. I thank you most sincerely for kindness.

I have decided to remain here. The Lord grant his blessing on the decision. I pray earnestly for direction and am but think that duty calls me here. Will write you more about my plans next week.

Will write Bro. Thomas to-day. I have none of Commentaries and will be obliged to you for them. Will be in Denver one day next week.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Anderson.

Please write Dr. Dickson for me. I learned to like him and hope he will not be displeased at my course. He will be disappointed I know, he was so intent on my going to Santa Fe. I will write of my decision to-night.

J. E. A.



Greely, Weld Co., Colorado,  
 Nov. 24th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Denver, Col.

Dear Brother;-

I have preached here three Sabbaths to large audiences, last Sabbath evening the house crowded. Why should this church suffer and be forced into a union with Evans? I must have been misjudged and pronounced it a great mistake. A meeting was held last Sabbath evening to know what was to be done now that Mr. Thompson had resigned and they suggested applying for aid and going on as heretofore, then I laid the facts to them as you stated to me, viz. no aid unless freely, and Evans would unite on one name. They passed a series of resolutions to the effect that no union with Evans is practicable and Mr. Stewart they would not accept upon any terms and no aid from the Board. Next that the church be and is hereby closed until the Board at Mr. Jackson's suggestion change their mind and will aid this church just as other churches in the Territory are aided. I need not say that the determination of the church impressed on them the course you had adopted in withholding aid from this church is the ruin of Presbyterianism in Greeley. Not only the Trustees of the whole church are unanimous in the act of closing the doors but every horse leech of a sectarian will suck the life blood out of the organization. You may risk the reputation but you have done a bad piece of work if help is withheld from Greeley.

I speak as a man only visiting the place and not with any view, whatever of interfering its pastor or supply as I have given them all services.

Are you prepared to see this church go over to the Reformed body? Will Presbyterians condemn the act of seceding churches to measures detrimental to their growth?

Every church in Greeley is rejoicing at the decision to close the house. I urge Rev. Jackson you visit this place and assist them in their path and continue to help if you would not lose a valuable church. They have no preaching next Sabbath as I leave here for Collinsville thence to Colorado Springs thence to my old charge in Illinois. Do the best you can for this people if the wish of

Your brother in Christ,  
 T. C. Easton.



Black Hawk, Colorado,

June 14th, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Dear Brother;

I have now been asked  
 against the question - has not my mission ended in this  
 place? The case stands thus --

I was admitted to the pulpit from the first, but  
 this does not satisfy me, so I attempted a place in the Sun-  
 day school, but was made to understand I was not wanted, so  
 had to abandon the S. School.

Went to the Teachers meeting. Spent going there for the  
 same reason. Tried to have prayer meeting. They who usually  
 meet just said they would not do so. The only thing left was  
 a lecture which they would not accept.

Had a meeting to get two letters of transfer from  
 Mrs. Peterson and James Gage. I presented the case to the church, where your Mr.  
 Congdon said: - if these women want letters why don't they ap-  
 ply for them in writing. It wont do for applications to be  
 made by "Tom, Dick and Harry." He might as well have spit  
 in my face.

Mrs. Gage says he intends to go to Central as soon  
 as he can. He will write in calling some or-  
 ganization to visit.

The subscription Mr. W. tried to get up showed  
 that would not do that.

Now I don't see what good my stay here is going  
 to do. The church when I leave it will be where it was when  
 I came.

Is there not some place I can go where my hands will  
 not be tied.

My health for the last five weeks has been  
 poor, and I feel as if my lungs, and for the present I am  
 troubled with catarrh which makes a bloody discharge. I eat  
 nothing like plain food, and I am not with you, or drink less-  
 than, anything but. I am by no means ready to go back to  
 study; weight today 115 lbs.

I am allowed no place but the pulpit, and my time  
 is mostly lost. I do not see why the subscription of \$50 al-  
 lowed me would not be transferred to Mr. Gage thus making  
 him the pastor here and securing the church to the Presbytery.

There are parties outside who would not come or give  
 to the church if the opposite faction united again, so I don't  
 see why the church cannot be maintained without Mr. Cong-  
 don.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and wishing to be remem-  
 bered to Mrs. Jackson, I am,

Yours in Christ.

J. A. Mitchell.



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W. E. Jackson:-

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As I wrote you before, Bishop Spaulding was here and preached morning and evening in our house. Expecting to return on Thursday of the next week following, I suppose he sent word to Denver for Bro. Lynd to come up and preach on the next Sabbath, and canvass the ground until his return.

I make this supposition as Mr. Lynd informed me that Bishop had spoken of me to him. Mr. Lynd attended our services in the morning of the day, 14th, and requested me to announce that he would preach in the evening at the Methodist church. He also said that he intended to remain until Thursday. I told him the Bishop had written me that he would not return here until Friday, and even said he would not wait. And I told him that I was not sure he would be here on Thursday. I also told him that I was not sure he would be here on Thursday.



remarks indicated that it would not be long before they made an attempt to re-establish themselves here, the pastor on his first visit that he thought it hardly worth while to attempt anything at present. I got down these items, thinking probably you would be interested in hearing that they had done. Their church is not popular here for their unorthodox views. They will have to find a very efficient and popular man to make much headway in the present conditions of affairs.

Our Trustees are negotiating for a very favorable lot on Main St. If this is secured, it is all the investment that will be made for a while, as the room which we have is pretty favorable.

I am sure from you at your earliest convenience, and as to the prospect of getting a man for this place next fall.

Am pretty nearly used up with constant work, and will probably take a vacation and go into the country for a few weeks after-awhile.

Yours in Christ,

E. F. Robb.

Greeley, Colorado,

June 26th, 1874.

Dear Bro. Jackson:-

The church here have held two meetings and adopted the following Resolutions, which they requested me to send you a copy, viz:-

Resolved 1st That in the circumstances in which the congregation is placed - of a healthy influential Presbyterian element in the community, on which to rely, and the intense denominationalism that prevails among the churches here, to be successful in any reasonable measure this congregation needs the entire services of a pastor, and that to unite this congregation with Evans or any other church, so as to divide his labors, would be disastrous to its best interests, and the success of Presbyterianism in Greeley.

Resolved 2 - The while we cheerfully recognize the soundness of the principle that neighboring churches, too weak to support the gospel separately, ought as a general rule to be united for that purpose, that the funds of the Board may be economized; yet as the rule is not uniformly enforced within the bounds of the Presbytery of Colorado, and as the circumstances of this church are such as fairly to make it an exception to the rule, we respectfully submit that it ought not to be enforced in this case, especially as it deprives us of all reasonable hope or prospect of succeeding as a congregation.



Resolved 3 - That while the members of this congregation are anxious to conform to the wishes of the Board of Home Missions they feel that it would be useless for them to expend their money and labor in an attempt to build up a church under the proposed arrangement.

Resolved 4 - That the church be closed until some satisfactory arrangement can be made for the support of a minister."

The church requested me to send you a copy of these resolutions, which I now do.

We are all very much obliged to you for so promptly informing the Board that there are no difficulties in the church at Greeley.

So far as I am concerned I don't believe I have an enemy in the church of any denomination in Greeley. And had there been any difficulty in the Presbyterian church they were of course promptly removed by my resignation - my health not permitting me to perform the duties of a pastorate.

The only difficulties in the church to-day are those you have created, by your whimsical, persistent and arbitrary course. If you doubt it, come to Greeley and inquire for yourself.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. Thompson.

Denver, Colorado,

July 3, 1874.

Dear Bro. Thompson:-

Have this morning returned from Utah yours of the 28th in regard to the resolutions, etc.

If you think it worth while to try and have service of Sabbath evening upon the arrival of the train, please telegraph me at my expense to come, and I will do so both to preach and to confer with your leading people.

Or if you prefer it, I will visit them on Tuesday morning at nine or ten o'clock as you may wish me. And perhaps I may receive some information that seems to be on their minds.

As to promptly informing the Board that there was no difficulties in the church at Greeley. I have having done so. I could not have done so, as your letter was the first intimation I have had that there was any difficulty, or that any one had supposed that there was.

I will say further that I have not favored the meeting



of Greeley and Evans, although believing for some time in it on general principles according to resolution 2nd of the church.

And that while saying to Mr. Easton that I believed the Secretaries would desire to couple some other field with it, yet I did not say that a minister would not receive a commission unless it was done. If I had been at your church meeting I would have advised making out a regular application, and through the Presbyterial committee have sent it to the Board. If they had declined, I would have made out, if possible a stronger one and sent it on again. The church should not take any man's unofficial say so. As the case now stands the opinion is with the church for the Board have not officially refused to do what the church wishes. So far as I have had anything to do with the matter for the past year, I have tried to secure you a minister and to yourselves. If you do not succeed I have not been in the way, for I have been trying to please you and the church.

And now, dear brother, when you have anything you don't like in me, please do as a fellow presbyter and Bro. in Christ should, write me at once, and give me an opportunity to deny it if false, if true either to state my reasons or change my mind if convinced by your reasons as the case may be.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Thompson, and let me know when I am wanted in Greeley.

Your Bro. in Christ,

Sheldon Jackson.

And perhaps I would be able to do more to your mind, if instead of finding fault, you would pray more for me in the many perplexities of the work.



Mr. Tully, writing,

July 1st, 1871.

Mr. Nelson Jackson;

What you write about me, I have up  
under the lamp, and I have read it over - and I  
"don't mind it at all."

All right, I am writing to your friends  
a letter now, and I am in the middle of it.

I am very glad to hear of your success  
in your work, and I am sure it will be a great  
one.

I have already spoken to several of the friends of the  
cause.

Don't forget for the office, I shall be prepared  
to do more, and I shall be glad to do so. I shall  
be glad to do so, and I shall be glad to do so.

I have just been talking to you about the  
work of the office, and I am sure it will be a great  
one.

You are very kind to write to me, and I am  
glad to hear of your success in your work.

I am sure it will be a great one, and I am  
glad to hear of your success in your work.

Truly yours,

Wm. L. G. Tully.

Truly yours,

July 1st, 1871.

Mr. Nelson Jackson;

Dear Sir;

I have just been talking to you about the  
work of the office, and I am sure it will be a great  
one.

I am sure it will be a great one, and I am  
glad to hear of your success in your work.







I think he will agree that in the territory, I think it is  
 more than one in fifty of the American people who will  
 do all in their power to save one of the children and mission-  
 aries that may come into it. He has all the time in his hands  
 those missionaries and their belongings, and he has all the time  
 that youth from a mission mission.

Mr. Thomas first told these things to the committee, and  
 then he said, "I will right out of my mind, I will not  
 say." He is a man who is willing to do all that he can  
 for the sake of the cause of Christ, and he is a man who is  
 a man of the spirit. There are no ascertained facts as to  
 all of the missionaries who have and are now in the territory.  
 There are all Christian parties and have a right to be  
 there. But the fact is that the missionaries are all  
 there, and they are all there, and they are all there.  
 I am sure that in the territory, and from what I have  
 certain, Mr. Thomas got this information.

If this request is to be given, it is a request  
 which Mr. Thomas has no right to make, and it is a request  
 it is not possible to get it, and it is a request  
 for the sake of the cause, for it is a request  
 church cannot afford to make, and it is a request  
 for the sake of the cause, and it is a request.

And I am sure that you will be willing to make  
 and I am sure that you will be willing to make

Yours truly,  
 J. H. Thomas.

Mr. J. H. Thomas  
 Lieut. Brinkerhoff,  
 " Buchanan,  
 Mr. DeFreese,  
 Agent of Mequi Dolano,  
 all of  
 Pittsburg, N. M.

Mr. W. D. Brothers.  
 Agent Apache Indians, Mesquero Agency,  
 Pittsburg, N. M.

Dr. R. J. Thomas;  
 Agent Apache Indians, Tempe, A.T.



My dear Mr. [Name],  
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are well. I am also well and hope  
this letter finds you the same. I have not much news to  
write at present, but I thought I would write a few lines  
to let you know that I am thinking of you. I hope to hear  
from you again soon.

Yours truly,  
[Signature]  
[Name]  
[Address]  
[City]  
[State]  
[Country]  
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glad to hear that you are well. I am also well and hope  
this letter finds you the same. I have not much news to  
write at present, but I thought I would write a few lines  
to let you know that I am thinking of you. I hope to hear  
from you again soon.



I do not wish to be understood as objecting to Mr. T. J. -  
 friend, but after my conversation with Mr. V. I could not  
 find time to write you. Please let me hear from you soon.

Your Bro. in Christ,  
 I. K. Brewster.

Salt Lake City, Utah,  
 July 7th, 1874.

My dear Doctor Jackson,

Greetings from Salt Lake, and "Long  
 live Hanover - Allow me to congratulate you. While you and  
 I were talking of a title for Sample, the Penates were busy  
 crowing another - If it takes as many hard knocks and as much  
 persistent pioneer work, for me to merit a title, as yours  
 has cost, I'll "requiescat in pace," and wait until I am  
 called "up higher."

I was up at Corinne last Sunday night, and preached to a  
 full house, Collection between eight and nine dollars. I  
 wrote to Gillespie, asking him to say whether he wouldn't come  
 immediately, and take charge of Corinne and Evanston. The  
 first man we can get on the field, is our man now. I wrote to  
 Doctor Dickson asking them to commission Gillespie, if he wrote  
 to ask it.

I got an Evanston paper to day, with notice of your hav-  
 ing preached there last Tuesday night, also our resolutions,  
 with reference to Cooper published - with comments.

Mr. Woods of Bingham was here over Sunday and says if we  
 can get a good man for Bingham, we can take the Canon - I am  
 writing to Marshall to day. If you can get hold of a suitable  
 man, in the mean time, recommend him strong to the Board, and  
 drive a nail through him.

Doctor Allen of Philadelphia was here over Sunday, was  
 directed to the Congregational Church for the Presbyterian and  
 as I had to leave in the evening did not get to see him -  
 Burrows was foolish enough to try to show him Salt Lake with-  
 out taking him to our Church or introducing to any of our peo-  
 ple, on Monday, but Mrs. Parsons and Judge Osborn spoiled his  
 little game beautifully.

Our building goes along finely. We have about closed  
 agreement with Mrs. Naden, who is to open girls school in our  
 Octagon, and Basement of the Church. She is to sing for us  
 this fall and winter. I wrote to Doctor Hall about dedication.  
 Will write to Ellis as soon as I hear that Hall cant come -



We are all well - Still very warm -  
Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in haste,  
Josiah Welch.

Colorado Springs, July 9th, 1874.

My dear Brother

I expect, D.V., to be absent on my vacation during the month of September. Do you know anyone whom I could get to supply my church during that time. Would it be possible for yourself to give me two or three Sundays? I think if I stick to the Church as I purpose doing until September 1st that I will need a little rest - I have taken no vacation since I came here. When I went East after my brother I supplied the pulpit myself - was only gone three Sundays.

The discouragements and encouragements are pretty well mixed down here. If I could only get the people to do something even in the temporal interests of the church I would be better satisfied. They are first rate at promising.

I have only received \$130. from them since January 1st - not enough for my board. I am sick of dunning them for my salary, and dont propose to do much more of it.

But I dont want you to think that I am demoralized in any sense because I mention these things to you. I have a grand field for personal effort and want to stay in it until the Lord shows me a better - or I am starved out!

With much love

J.G. Lowrie.

Fairplay, Colorado,  
July 10, 1874.

Brother Jackson:

I sent you a postal card last week making inquiries whether you had received our application to Church Executive Board, or not. At time I should have received reply I received your card asking me to let you know when dedication would occur, so I have concluded you did not receive my card. I am very anxious to know if our application is sent on to New York. We of course desire to know how much we are to have assistance. Then we can let our contracts for plastering and seating and know we are to have something to pay with. Last night I had an election of trustees to fill vacancies. A meeting of trustees will now be called to consider next steps.

I have been thinking that the dedication would be sometime



in September as that would be a favorable time. If we succeed in collecting money we hope to be ready then but its hard times as yet. They have commenced buying up ores now so that we hope for better times.

I preached again in the streets of Alma last Sabbath. Large attentive audience. That town is built so close and poorly protected that I expect it will burn up soon.

Received a large box of goods from Lebanon Church, Pennsylvania. But they made a great mistake in shipping by Express for it cost me \$45. and as yet I have not heard from them. Box came faster than letter no doubt.

Reply at once and oblige.

Your Brother in Christ,  
D.E. Finks.

Will it not be proper to enter meeting of the Church for election of trustees in Session Book?

Should I also record Church meeting for application to H.M. board?

Pueblo, Colorado,  
July 10, 1874.

Dear Brother:

I am more than obliged to you for your candid letter. I think if the brethren would use more freedom with one another it would tend to longer pastorates, though a thankless task often, but I hope not in my case.

In order, however, to correct a matter like the one you spoke of it would be necessary to know the extent of the complaint; and I would like you to state to me, if consistent with your feelings, who has complained and what it is if there is anything definite in the matter.

In regard to the sick and strangers I have often requested my people to inform me and have also pressed upon them the adoption of some such system as that followed in Denver. The only case of neglect which has come to my knowledge was in East Pueblo and occurred when I was going there daily, almost, to visit a sick brother. That matter has been mended long since. Our congregation is quite scattered, some being in East Pueblo a mile and a half - some in South - a mile - and some in the country.

As to the matter of pastoral visiting proper - visiting each member of the congregation with an Elder and bringing the matter of personal religion home to every member of the family, this I do not propose but about once a year and that on the week of prayer. This was attempted last January and with some success.

As to remaining here I am only awaiting the further devel-



opments of Divine Providence. I have never had any personal regard for Pueblo and have only been attached to it as the Master's work is more or less dear to me. I have a letter from Brother Mitchel relative to Georgetown. It was written some time ago. He intimated that nothing could be done for that field, or at least it would not be expedient to make any demonstrations toward it to the Presbytery. Everything in South Pueblo is now perfectly dead; North Pueblo is nearly the same.

Allow me to congratulate you on your D.D.

Yours in the Gospel,  
W.E. Hamilton.

P.S. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

W.E.H.

The enclosed will give some idea of our plans.

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Trinidad, Colorado,  
July 11th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Do not remember whether or not I have written since the Communion service came to hand. It was received about two weeks ago, was used on last Sabbath, and is very much appreciated by the Congregation. The session received to membership in the Congregation, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Swallow and Miss Gussie Davis, all from the old ch. of Jerseyville, Illinois. They are worthy and influential members, and we are encouraged to have them as members of the Congregation.

I think I mentioned sometime since that we had left our former small room, and now occupied one much larger and more centrally located. The change has been advantageous in every way and our former good attendance has been increased materially. It has been a long time since we have had what would here be considered a small Congregation, at Sabbath services; and generally we have about nine-tenths of the church-going people at our services. Last Sabbath there were over fifty in the Sunday School. For some time after it was organized there were but twelve.

Received a letter from Gage a few weeks ago, asking for special collection for the debt of Board of H.M. We took it up last Sabbath morning, \$17.50, the largest amount we have collected at one time.

Indian rumors and scares have been the rage for the past week. At least 12 bodies have been found and buried.

I rest during the remainder of this month. Everybody says I need it much, will go up into the mountains 40 miles, if Indians all disappear. Wife joins in regards.

Your brother,  
E.F. Robb.

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New York, July 13, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir,

Accept congratulations on the Doctor May it do  
you much good. You now of course will have no further need  
of a physician.

I am truly sorry for dear Mitchell. Is there no hope for  
him?

If Arnold leaves Iramie will be glad to have Reed take  
it along with Cheyenne.

Most truly  
and fraternally,  
Yours,

C. Dickson.

P.S. I return as you regret these squibs from the Greeley paper.  
You ask "Shall I answer?" You are the best judge as you are  
acquainted with all the circumstances. Will Evans and Greeley  
unite under any man?

We are much discouraged for want of funds and the pros-  
pect of the future is still more forbidding. All the indus-  
tries of the country are in a measure paralyzed. In the East  
men are living on their principal profits then on none, so  
they say.

Most truly  
and fraternally,  
Yours,

Cyrus Dickson.

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Deer Lodge M.T. July 13, 1874.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Your letter arrived in due time. To many  
statements made in it I could take exception but as I said in  
a previous letter my object is to "settle" not to "stir up"  
the disagreement. It is pretty evident to my mind that we  
can not agree. The next best thing is for us to separate  
peaceably, if possible, each going his own way and letting the  
other alone. It is the way Paul and Barnabas settled a dis-  
pute. I see no other way to settle ours. We can work as  
though we had not had any misunderstanding, though we can not  
well work together. You will have little or no confidence in  
me, I will have very little confidence in you.

As for the statement that the Board (Home Missions) and  
yourself had come to the conclusion that I am not the one for  
the work in Montana, I have only to say that if you and the  
Board really think so that all you will have to do to get me  
away will be to get some one more suitable for the place and  
send him here. I'll do my best to get him a favorable recep-  
tion with the people and you shall receive no "complaining  
letters" from me on the subject. I came to Montana to endeavor



or to glorify God and not you or the B.H.M. of the Presbyterian Church. In my work I have done what before God I believed from the bottom of my heart and do now believe was the best thing to be done. Knowing the people and the circumstances better than either the Board or yourself could possibly know them I did not begin to preach regularly at Missoula. In so doing I have done more to create a favorable opinion towards Presbyterianism than if I had run myself to death between that place and Deer Lodge. But I will not try further just now to justify my course in the matter. If necessary the Board may hear from me on this matter. I repeat now that if you and the Board are dissatisfied with my course or want me away you will greatly oblige me by sending some one else to take my place and who is a better man for the work.

I thank you for sending me the Rocky Mountain Pres. Several papers are sent me by parties unknown to me and which for the most part are laid aside given away or torn up without being read. I subscribe for all the papers I can read. Often for weeks I don't get an opportunity to look at the R.M.P. You had better send it to some one else.

Very respectfully,  
J.R. Russell

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Highland Madison Co., Ill.,  
July 14th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your letter was received yesterday. It contained a Post Office order for the balance of the \$20.00.

Very glad the bills are all settled.

Hope the Board will return the money to you in due time.

Had no night-sweat last night. I am feeling a trifle better.

My regards to all.

J.A. Mitchell.

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Lancaster Pa., July 14th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

The Lord has been very gracious in sparing my life and alleviating my pain, (although my right eye is at times painful from neuralgia which prevents me reading much) and has blessed my earnings substance in that he has made a little my brother-in-law invested with me, to increase I dedicate it to the Lord - please find enclosed a draft for \$42.50 - two dollars fifty retain as subscription for my brother's papers - and the forty please give some needy servants of the Lord or needy church; just dispose of as you think best.



Our congregation has called a preacher; not one to my liking, but if he is instrumental in doing good I am content - a Mr. Westwood a Methodist who has only united with the Presbyterian Church a few months since. The church is being repaired, and the people seem to have enough to do but I will not lose sight of the Missionary box, and I think we will form a Home Missionary Society. With best wishes for your welfare and prayer to God for his choicest blessings to descend upon you I remain as ever

Your Sister in Christ,  
Anna M. Dale.

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Laramie, W.T., July 15, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson

Can you not come and see us? Please spend the last Sabbath in this month with this people.

I have asked the session and Deacons to release me the first of September. Please do not fail to come.

I hope the people may buy our house. If you cannot spend a Sabbath then come some week day. Mrs. A. has been very poorly. At one time we thought she would never be better.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson,

F.L. Arnold.

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Highland Madison Co., Illinois.  
July 15th, 1874.

Reverend Brother Jackson,

I got here in due time, having met on the train every kindness which a few good men in health could show to one in need.

I am not yet able to lie on my left side - and not on my right except with some pain. My breathing is easier, but I continually feel an oppression about the heart.

Yet I hope I am soon to be well and strong again. I am where I may have anything I want. I cannot forget the unexpected, patient, motherly kindness I received on coming down from Black Hawk to Colfax Ave. . I am only sorry I cannot be grateful except in words.

Remember me most kindly to Mrs. Jackson and her dear children and Jennie. It pains me somewhat to bend over the table, so I will not write more.

Send any mail you may have for me to

"Highland Madison Co., Ill."

and favor one who is already under great obligations to you.

James A. Mitchell.



Bloomingsburg, Ohio.  
July 20th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Yours of the 13th inst is at hand, with one from Doctor Dickson of the same date, stating, the board does not meet until the 28th inst, and directing me to go on at once to Salt Lake when he will forward a commission and travelling expenses in care of Brother Welch.

Following this advice we have made arrangements to leave this on the 24th inst, spend the Sabbath with some friends at Afton, Iowa, then directly through to Salt Lake. Reaching there the 30th inst (D.D.)

If you have other directions I can receive them at Afton Union Co., Iowa, in care of Hon. J.W. McDill, if there by the 28th inst. Otherwise address me at Salt Lake City in care of Brother Welch.

Yours truly,

S.S. Gillespie.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Denver, Colorado.

P.S. Many thanks for the copies of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian." Also the recommendation to the General Ticket Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad for clergyman's half fare

S.S.G.

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Bellefont,

July 20, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received your note of the 8th and await a report of the action of the 11th. Stewart has sent a "Hurrah over "Evans University" I hope you will use the title "College" rather than "University." I think Evans will be pleased but you brethren on the ground know best what to do.

As to "Copies of Constitution and BY-Laws," you had better write to some such men as Cattell and Hays and others who have charge of successful institutions and get from them what you want. I would say Have as little Constitution as possible.

I am anxious to hear what you have done and propose and shall watch R. Presclosely. When will you come Eastward? <sup>iss H.</sup> excursion was a great success and will tell effectively on in Colorado.

Mrs. is absent, attending on his father who is very ill. I hope you can get a good man for Press Department this fall. I shall write to Brother Barron of Hollidaysburg to send you a copy of Catalogue of Seminary with cat - Kind regards to your family.

W.T. Wylie.  
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Bellefonte, Pa.

July 24th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Mrs. Arth's report of organization has been received. General Beaver has been absent and I have not yet seen him. I think he would serve; as to Mr. Thaw, you are the person to see or address him and I leave that for you to do.

Has Governor Evans entered into this, and does he agree to the name "University?" I would prefer the more modest name "College."

As to my writing for East Papers I shall be glad to do what I can, but I have not the facts and items which I need in order to write intelligently. You send me an article giving points to be made, prospects, etc., etc. from which I can draw.

We shall enlist Robinson of Harrisburg in this work.

I am half sick these days and driven work. Mrs. W. is absent at the sickbed and I fear the deathbed of her father, so that I am much unsettled just now.

When will you be coming Eastward? Dont fail to give me a Sabbath of your time.

With kind regard to Mrs. Jackson and the children

I remain yours truly,

W.T.Wylie.

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Pueblo Colorado, July 20th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I will be very glad to serve on the Board of Trustees of Evans College, and hope it will be a success. Haskel will think strangely of my so-doing, however, as when he proposed his college at C.S., I told him I would as soon think of running a stage line to the top of Pike's peak as to think of starting a college, in our Territory, outside of Denver. And by the way I should not wonder if the farmers in the valley Fountain should cause the town of Colorado Springs to dry up. They have entered suit against the Town Company for the water of the Fountain, and I think they must gain it, especially as they have Mr. Irvin at their head who is death to all close corporations. Then where will be the College?

Have you made a wise location and have you a good prospect of plenty Cash? We can, however, talk these matters over at Presbytery.

As to our part of the fund for synodical delegate it will be what I am able personally to pay. Between you and me this Church is either tolerably mean or tolerably poor, or tolerably no account or a little of all combined. They are absolutely doing nothing for the support of the Gospel among themselves, to say nothing of abroad. I assure you I have not had a hundred dollars of them in six months. And in all my ministry I have not done the work, either in my study, the parish or the pulpit that I have done here. Since the Church was built it has never been closed, either for my absence or sickness,



save the few times I have been at Presbytery. I raised them \$500, by extra work for building their house of worship have obtained for them a good Sunday School Library and furnished their seats with the hymnal. I have a few reasons for not leaving - first it would cost more than I could spare or raise to get away - 2d, I have the largest average congregation in the place - 3rd I do not think there is any opposition to me here and if there were I do not think it would be worth noticing, 4th and 5th, if the railroad comes its worth while to see what sort of a crop of Presbyterians it will bring. Still I would be resigned to almost any providential call that might be presented, at least I would consider it.

I liked Welch's communication in the Evangelist.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and children.

Yours in the flesh,

W.E. Hamilton.

Knoxville, Marion Co., Iowa.  
July 21st, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson

Enclosed please find a letter to the synod of Colorado, applying for a letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Des Moines. I am but slowly regaining strength sometimes for a few weeks am quite well and then again give way. Yet on the whole am much better than I was a month ago and very much stronger than I was last fall. The climate and the riding were too much for me in Montana and my sickness then broke me down, so that it will take time to fully recover. I still look forward to work in the West but will have to take a more Southern field of labor than Montana. I have agreed to stay with this people until next spring I go off for rest during next month, and will probably spend it at home with my -parents. If my strength is sufficient and Colorado or New Mexico needs me when next April comes and a field of labor is opened that will not subject me to any severe horseback or stage coach riding, I will be ready to go. Write me and let me know what there is, the field I now have is a very pleasant one and the Lord has seen fit to bless us since my coming here. For four years the church had not received any additions was in debt and almost lost to our church. Now since I came God has added to the church more than twenty persons, 15 upon professing faith. The debt is paid, the church prospering they will be open for some one else now as the frictions and strifes are nearly all healed and I will be ready to take some place where they need building up. Will you please write me a few lines and kindly remember me to all your family and believe me as ever

Your Brother in Christ,

Will S. Frackelton.

To Reverend Sheldon Jackson.  
Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. E.M.V. Triepel



North East Pa., July 21, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed Post Office order for twenty-five dollars, being my subscription for the Presbyterian Church at Central - Should have forwarded it before but have been so busy with my farming matters that I have neglected it.

Respectfully yours,  
WM.E.Marvin.

Colorado Springs,  
July 21st, 1874.

My dear Brother,

In regard to the college I would like to have a little information before consenting to act as trustee. What is the special design of the school - General education of both sexes? Has it already been organized? What steps have been taken? Under just what auspices? Who are the prospective instructors? How many students is there prospect of obtaining for the fall term? Can the institution be made self supporting at once? I'm sorry to trouble you with so many questions and you need not answer unless you are quite desirous I should serve - I must say I am not very sanguine about the establishment of a first class "College" in Colorado, especially if it is to be dependent upon Eastern help. Its all folly to talk of inducing students to leave good institutions in the East to come to "this bracing climate" to study. The fact is when they and their friends are convinced that they cant carry on their studies at home, they are too much broken down to carry them on anywhere. I think the plan of starting a "good school" in any of our towns a laudable one, and would be glad to do anything I can to help all such schemes, properly set on foot; but I should shrink from the responsibility of founding a full fledged University all at once.

I have not seen Professor Edwards yet in regard to tuition prices here; but will try to see him to-day.

I am not sure that I can raise you anything on that special collection for Synod. I am very near out of patience with the way the people here run the finances. Gage wants something too on a special debt to the Home Board. - Well, we'll see.

I wish I could calm the minds of all my anxious friends in regard to my future welfare in the help-meet business. But all I can say to their touching and tender appeals is "Wait and see!" If I am content to wait, they surely may be.

Ever yours, dear brother, in every good wish and prayer.  
M. Lowrie.



Fort Defiance via Fort Wingate, New Mexico.

July 21st, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Brother,

Your questions have been received. A fair answer to them would require a long treatise. I will merely give you my or rather Mrs. M's opinion in brief. 1st If Brother R. is not calculated to do a good work for the Mexicans he certainly is not fit for any one else. I think (and so does Mrs. M) that the very faults Americans find with him are his best recommendations to the Mexicans; i.e. His combatibility, his determination to pursue a given course, his natural propensity to rule. Now if you look at the case, all these are definitely required. He must fight the Priests, he must be unyielding in his course, and he must take the Priests' place in the government of the subdued or converted, etc/, etc. So that the clamor of Americans about him is rather in his favor than otherwise. You know that Americans pretty generally do not want anything to do with God or Godliness. A good man does not suit them.

2d. As to Brother R's work here, that is no test. He claims to have done nothing here as I know of. I did more work in Africa for the people, of a single Sabbath, than I have done here for nearly four years as a missionary. The Board sends men here with their mouths gagged and their hands tied behind their backs and of course nothing can be said or done, nor is there likely to be. So that this question cannot bear on Brother R. pro or con. What I have said above is not advice but my own and my wife's conviction and therefore you will use it accordingly. My own Board is out of sorts with me because I spoke the truth plainly; I do not wish yours to be so too; therefore please keep me in the background.

Yours in Christ our Lord,  
John Menaul.

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Knoxville, Marion Co., Iowa.

To the

July 21st, 1874.

Members of the Synod of Colorado,  
Fathers and Brethren:

Having been by reason of ill health unable to stand the rigorous Northern climate of Montana and by medical advice warned not to return there and Our Heavenly Father having now opened up in His providence a field of labor in this place when he has graciously seen fit to bless the labors performed by him and as they cannot get a meeting of the Presbytery of Montana so as to give to me a letter of dismissal by reason of the long distance which it is necessary to travel in order to get the required number of members for a quorum. I hereby most respectfully request that the Synod of Colorado will grant to me a letter to the synod (of Iowa South or instruct the stated clerk of the Presbytery of Des



Moines thus relieving me from being responsible to a Presbytery so far away that they cannot exercise that control over a minister in our connection which is necessary for the maintenance of the purity of the Church and the administering of correct doctrine according to our common standards and as the Presbytery of Des Moines may have this control over me which they can exercise and by which means I can more efficiently work for the Master in this part of the great vineyard where He now has cast my lot. Will you then Fathers and brethren please set me aside from the Synod of Colorado to the synod of Iowa South. And in testimony that our application has been made enclosed find P.C. containing a statement as to the facts represented by me from J.R. Russell S.C. of Presbytery.

Hoping to have a favorable reply soon I am

Your Brother in Christ,

Will S. Frackelton.

Centerville, Iowa.

July 22d, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

One of the churches in the circuit which I was looking after in this state failed to come heartily into the arrangement, and by this circumstance it is clear to my mind that the Lord has work for me elsewhere. It may still be within your bounds. And if you are now able to say to me, as in your last, come on at once. I will consider it a call.

Will therefore await a hearing from you.

Fraternally etc.,

W.P. Teitsworth.

Address me at Clark City, Mo.

Laramie, Wyoming Territory.

July 22d, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson

Your postal card is received. The most I wanted you to be here was on account of the parsonage, to see if might be devised and so keep it in the Church.

Last Sabbath we buried Mrs. Thomas Dayton, one of our most efficient church members. It is a heavy blow to our little Church. She died July 17, trusting alone in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. If it is not convenient for you to come the 26th, then come at your earliest convenience. The people here are all behind in my salary so I do not see how they can do much towards paying for my house. Do you know of any one East who would like to help this Church this Parish wrote Mrs. Arnold. She had done all she felt she could do, so I have no idea we could get any thing in that direction. Perhaps this people might get \$200, but not more I put \$1600, sixteen hundred dollars of my



New York, July 22, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Denver, Colorado.

Rev. and Dear Brother,

Of all these brethren of whom you ask I know but little; viz Rev'ds Wade, Fueller, McDonald, Matthews, Jeffries, Howison. is said to be a promising man. Has a family - ditto - with list above. Health seems to be the object with multitudes for themselves or families. We are almost at boiling point.

Most truly

and fraternally,

Yours,

C. Dickson.

P.S. Have you heard anything of Anderson and Santa Fe?

Fort Defiance, Arizona Territory  
July 23, 1874.

Brother Jackson

You had better start from this place by first of September. It will require about eight days to go from here to the crossing of the Colorado River, which is, I believe, at or near the Southern boundary of Utah.

Governor wishes me to say to you, that he will furnish you with guides and interpreters for the whole route. Governor A. also says you would do well to stop a few days at Canon De Chelley (Shay) which is but little out of your way. Says it would pay you to spend a week there. Am told the scenery is of rare beauty and grandeur. We will all be very glad, indeed, to see you and Brother Welsh here, and hope you will stay with us as long as possible.

We will try to make it pleasantly agreeable for you. The Governor will do everything for you he can. Ask your pardon for not writing that letter. Kind regards to your family.

Yours fraternally,

W.B. Truxx

THE LADIES' BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.  
NEW YORK.

New York, July 26th, 1874.

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I rec'd your letter enclosing Mrs. Martin's & Miss Tucker's a few days ago, but was unable to answer sooner on account of so many other important letters. For the same reason I have not yet written to Miss Tucker, and because I had some little doubt as to her qualifications as Teacher I think from her letter sheet she is a very good woman - but the Head of a school and Matron in an Institution require such different qualifications. Miss Chittenden was educated,



could teach music well, and it is necessary to have some one who can present advantages at least equal to the Sisters. I had also a letter from Miss Crittenden saying that there was a probability that her father might remain there if a man was sent out, and if so, she would continue the school as she expected to locate about 20 miles from Bozeman. It leaves it however unsettled for a little while for which I am sorry.

Miss Coit wrote me that she had a friend at Denver who would like also to enlist in Foreign Mission work. Do you know her, for she omitted to send her name, and I am anxious to secure two ladies immediately. I will write to Miss Tucker and see meanwhile what turns up.

Very truly yours,

Julia M. Graham.

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Central City, Colorado.

July 27, 1874.

Brother Jackson,

I commenced preaching regularly at Black Hawk yesterday. It is hardly worth while to send me so many copies of the "Home Missions," as I cannot make use of them and they cost us 2 cents a copy postage.

Yours truly,

H.B.Gage.

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Colorado Springs, Colorado.

July 28th, 1874.

My dear Brother,

Your favour of the 24th enclosing checks is at hand - (find receipt enclosed) Accept many thanks - Mary wrote me about the \$50. so it is not so much of a surprise as it otherwise would have been - This amount with our coupon pledges due July 1st every one of which is good comes within about \$10. of lifting us out of debt, so it will be my satisfaction to see that ugly debt removed before I take my vacation - This has been in some respects a trying summer and I begin to feel the need of rest. Three services on the Sabbath (for the Sunday School amounts to more than a preaching service) are a good deal of a tax on my strength - I have the satisfaction of feeling however that God has given me some increase. Am greatly tempted to discouragement sometimes at the lack of co-operation from the people but things are better in that respect now. Our congregation are still as good as ever.

The Congregationalists have not yet organized. Our Sunday School numbers about 120.

We will be very glad to see you down here in August. Will you stay any length of time and will your parents be here with you?

As to the trustee business, if you think I can be of any



service I will be glad to do what I can. But the relation will be an utterly new one to me.

The monthly "Rocky Mountain" still comes here to Mr. Gage's address - (As well as a whole raft of other matter which I am constantly receiving for him).

I expect to get away from here about the middle or last of August.

Manaton is full today.

I have had lots of Fort-Wayne's here this summer.

I write this as I await my Bible Class - 7.45 P.M.

Ever yours in bonds of love,

J.G.Lowrie.

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Evans, Colorado Territory.

July 28th, 74.

Dear Brother Jackson

I paid Platteville a visit last Sabbath, according to previous appointment - had a very pleasant visit indeed. I find the Congregationalists there very favorably inclined to the Presbyterians. The two families of Mathews were raised Presbyterians. There is another family by the name of Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds' father was a Presbyterian Elder but is lately deceased. I did not see that family as they were in the Mountains, but will be back soon. They keep the Hotel Johnstone and wife received me very cordially. They are preached to by the Baptist minister, Mr. Ambrose, who is mixed up with to such an extent as to operate against his influence among many of the people.

They all gathered around me after sermon and expressed themselves very decidedly that I should have an appointment and preach again and hoped I would arrange to preach regularly. I accordingly left an appointment for two weeks from next Sabbath in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. I would have gone there sooner but I have an appointment for City on next Sabbath. I shall most certainly look after the people of Platteville as my reception there was encourageing. I trust the Great Head of the Church is working with me and he will mark out my ways.

I wrote Mr. Welch in regard to the application for Mr. Gillespie - told him if he would make it out and send it to me I would sign it as Chairman of the Com. of Home Missions for Wyoming Presbytery. But I have not received an answer yet.

Wrote also to the parties designated by you in regard to the qualifications of the Professor at Cranberry, New Jersey, but have not yet received any answer.

Had a letter from Brother Wylie of Bellefonte. He is jubilant over the idea of college and tells me to use plenty of "printer's ink"

He seems to be of opinion that it would have been better to use the name College instead of University. I confess I



can not see it in that light. I like the name University best. But still we will not quarrel with Governor Evans about the name if he does not like University.

We wish to publish the articles of incorporation in the Evans Journal. Shall we publish the name of Mr. Wells as one of the trustees. Answer as soon as convenient. We wish to publish next week.

Had a letter from the board stating they had received my application and would consider it at this next meeting, July 28th which is to-day.

Your brother in Christ,  
John F. Stewart.

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Evans, Colorado Territory,  
July 29th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours was received to-day. I have consulted with Brother Todd and some of the members of the Board of Trustees of the School and I will take the responsibility of saying that the School will commence on September 28th, as you suggest. I think that will be a good time. The terms of tuition will be \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, according to degree of advancement for a term of 12 weeks. You will notice our terms are the same for the session but the session two weeks longer than at Colorado Springs.

Board can be had from five to six dollars per week. But we have no doubt that after we get under full headway, it will be much reduced.

I had a letter this evening, enquiring about our school by a party who wishes to send a pupil here in preference to sending to the States.

It is now late and having furnished you the items, please make out and publish our notice. Tell all enquirers in regard to sending pupils to address me and I will answer promptly.

I hope we will be able soon to write on a suitable professor to take charge.

I feel much interested in the matter and will do all I can cheerfully to help on the cause.

Yours Fraternally,  
John F. Stewart.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
July 31st, 1874.

My dear Brother Jackson,

Your favor received. Roberts is not suited for Bingham or mining camp work. I know him well, he is a good man, a fair preacher, and willing worker, but would do much better in a more settled community. I am going to Comm. Sunday evening, as I have an appointment, will talk matters over with Gillespie, take him around and introduce



him generally.

I got a note from Dickson a day or two ago: he thinks we must try and get along with \$500. or \$600. from the Board for Gillespie. I don't think it possible to give him a living with less than \$800. If it were not for the travelling expenses he might get along on \$500. You are the man to work up the subscription at Evanston. I think there will not be much trouble at Conin.

I have been under the weather for a day or two - am better. Our Church grows beautifully. Everybody is pleased with it. I have written for Dr. Scott this week to assist us at dedication -- Have no answer yet.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, I am your sincere  
Friend and Brother,  
Josiah Welch.

Corinne, Utah.

July 31st, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother

I take this first opportunity of informing you of our safe arrival at this place on last evening.

We found the people expecting us through the kindness of Brother Welch and met with a very pleasant welcome. Our coming I hope will be blessed to this people, while we may get a share ourselves. Mrs. Gillespie and child stood the journey quite well after resting over Saturday with our friends at Afton, Iowa.

I hope to meet Brother Welch on Sabbath as he is announced to preach here in the evening. He will then inform you more particularly of our plans as he will naturally be acting bishop for the time being.

Yours truly,  
S.S. Gillespie.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF EVANS UNIVERSITY

Territory of Colorado) BE IT KNOWN that on this 11th day of  
Weld County ) July 1874 the Undersigned persons  
have Associated themselves in accordance with the requirements  
of the revised Statutes of Colorado Chapter 18. Article 2.  
section 1. Division 5 (An act for incorporating Institutions of  
Learning and conducting the same) according to the following  
statements

#### NAME.

1st Said Corporation shall be known by the name of  
"Evans University"  
to be located at Evans, Weld County, Colorado.



POWERS

2nd By that Name the said Corporation shall have perpetual succession, with power to fill vacancies as they may occur from time to time in their Board -- to sue and be sued -- to contract and be contracted with -- to make and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure -- to purchase, take and hold by gift grant or devise, -- and to dispose of any real and personal property.

The Corporation shall have all such powers, and be subject to such duties and liabilities as are applicable to Universities and Colleges by the laws of the Territory of Colorado.

OBJECT.

3rd. The object and purpose of said Corporation are hereby declared to be to promote the education of youth of both sexes in Literature, Science and the Arts.

DEGREES.

4TH. The University may grant to students under its charge, diplomas or honorary testimonials in such form as it may designate.

It may also grant and confer such honors, degrees and diplomas as are granted by any University, College, or Seminary of learning in the United States.

Diplomas granted by the University shall entitle the possessors to the immunities and privileges allowed by usage or statute to the Possessors of like diplomas from other institutions of learning in the land.

TRUSTEES

4TH. THE TRUSTEES SHALL NUMBER TWENTY-FIVE; three fourths of whom shall be members in good and regular standing of Evangelical Churches, holding to the Presbyterian Form of Church Government and the Calvinistic System of Doctrine.

Nine trustees shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; but no real estate shall be bought or sold; and no President or Professor shall be appointed or removed except by an affirmative vote of a Majority of all the Trustees.

The President of the University while holding office shall be a member of the Board of trustees.

NAMES OF TRUSTEES.

6TH. The names of the first Trustees are as follows

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Ex. Governor John Evans  | Denver, Colorado. |
| General John Pierce      | "                 |
| Reverend Sheldon Jackson | "                 |
| Reverend Lewis Hamilton  | "                 |
| Hon. John W. Blackburn   | "                 |
| J. F. B. Crane           | "                 |
| William H. Thacker       | "                 |



## Names of Trustees Continued -- -

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Washington McClintock    | Denver, Colorado  |
| Reverend Andrew C. Todd  | Evans             |
| Reverend John F. Stewart | "                 |
| Reverend S.B. Reed       | "                 |
| John M. McCutcheon       | "                 |
| James H. Pinkerton       | "                 |
| Rev. W.T. Wylie          | Bellefonte, Pa.   |
| James A. Beaver          | "                 |
| Henry Martin             | Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| James Wiggins            | New York City     |
| William Thaw             | Pittsburgh, Pa.   |
| Hon. Robert E. Carr      | St. Louis, Mo.    |
| Rev. R.G. Thompson       | Greely, Colorado. |
| Rev. R.L. Stewart        | Golden            |
| Rev. Henry B. Gage       | Central           |
| Rev. J.L. Lowrie         | Colorado Springs  |
| Rev. John E. Anderson    | Boulder, Colorado |
| Rev. William E. Hamilton | Pueblo            |

## SIGNED BY

Sheldon Jackson  
 Andrew C. Todd  
 James H. Pinkerton  
 N.C. Roe  
 J.M. McCutcheon  
 John F. Stewart

W.J. Kram County Clerk, Weld CO., Colorado.

SEAL  
 COUNTY CLERK

Fairfax, Colorado  
 August 3, 1874.

Dear Brother

Fruit received in good order. Was all sold.  
 Tickets and ice cream brought 100.00  
 Fair fruit, grab-bag,  
 and art gallery 100.00  
 200.00

So we have a nett profit of 200.00. A grand success.  
 Great turn out. All harmonious and happy. Was obliged to you  
 for trouble and making so good a selection of fruit. Prof.  
 Stoddard delivered a lecture on Rev. Mr. Carpenter  
 last night preached for me. Quite a relief. Bought a pony of  
 them this morn. Intend to go across to Georgetown to Presby-  
 tery on horse back and probably shall not attend Synod.  
 Catholics are going to build here and at Alma and prob-  
 have a school.



Our Church has received a new impetus by the Fair and Festival.

Truly yours,  
D.E. Finks

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Trinidad, Colorado.

August 3rd, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours postally came to hand last week. Will take up a collection for the object mentioned before Presbytery meets. Last Sabbath before my vacation took up one for H.M. debt, and regular monthly ones came in then and now so will defer this one awhile.

I see by the Las Animas paper received this morning that you were to be there yesterday. Was it with the view of locating someone and who is it? I wish very much that you could visit Trinidad before Presbytery meets. Cant you do it the last of this month or first of next -- or say I have it! If you come, we must have baby baptized.

I think a visit from you would help us all; and it would enable you also to see the hard condition of the field here for which I hope you have someone in view.

The reasons leading me to a fixed determination to leave this point, have been cumulative; though I have as yet said nothing to the people about it. And I am in no immoderate haste to do so, although I believe my mind is decided as to leaving here as soon as practicable. At present I hope to be able to attend Presbytery this fall. Wife would also like to visit that part of the territory, though we do not yet know whether both or neither or only I will be able to go. I wish to sell my house to assist us in paying for it, and if this is done before that time, we may both go. I have heard nothing from the renewed application the \$100 cut off.

Have received one quarter payment of the \$250 promised from Lewisburgh, Ch. Pa., and will acknowledge it to the Board to be deducted from my next quarter. I never heard how the matter was worked but supposed this to be the way.

Wife wishes to be remembered to you.

Your brother,  
E.F. Robb.

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Clark City, Mo.,  
Aug. 4th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I wrote you Saturday, responding to your invitation. As therein announced, we expect to leave Clark City for Denver in a week from to day in the evening. We will go to Keokuk and take the night express for Ottumwa. We



Mrs. E.M.V. Triebel

will come by way of the Union Pacific, because more direct than Kansas.

Please make some little arrangement for our accommodation on our arrival at Denver. And especially on account of wife and children. We will be strangers there you are not. You can therefore do better for us than we could do for ourselves. And as wife and children will need lodgings perhaps for a week or so whilst we are looking up the field, please arrange a little in view of this. We will be ever so much obliged to you. Seek out a place where it will be convenient and pleasant for them to remain during the interval.

We will go forward trusting that the Lord will bring us into a field in which He may use us for His glory and the building of His Kingdom. And only so that He may be glorified is our only concern.

Fraternally etc.,

W.P. Teitsworth.

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West Las Animas, Colorado.

August 4th, 1874.

Reverend Dr. Jackson, Denver.

Dear Sir --

I was not able to be in West Las Animas on Sunday as the rains had carried away parts of the Railroad between it and Kit Carson and I was detained therefore on board of the cars two days and two nights. But I preached here in the Baptist Church two evenings that is last evening and this evening to small congregations. They say there are eight Presbyterians here all told. Peck pretends to be a member of the Congregationalist Church himself but his wife is a Presbyterian.

I visited a good many of the people. I found all kind and respectful and interested in me. The divisions are very many and grievous. I preached to them on Regeneration by the Holy Spirit. They were very attentive. I hope it has been blessed to them. O! the deadness and worldliness of Souls here and almost everywhere -- considering that without this great change no one can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

I will not refuse to come here for a few months. But I would prefer if you could appoint me on the Denver Pacific line or on the Union Pacific, for the reason that I want to keep in a cooler latitude for the benefit of my wife and child. A few months visit of a minister would be enough here for some years I should think until things would take form, and perhaps the Lord would make a Presbyterian of Mrs. Hough who is, I believe the mainspring of activity here at present. I formed acquaintance at the printing office. I visited Mr. Irving. His son-in-law is at home.

Boarding here is near twice as high as at Bays City. I get \$1200 at Hays. Board here would be \$10. a week for one.



Then if I go keeping house, the expenses are also high.

The general opinion here is that this town will be much larger. Trade is not as active this year as it was last year. The truth is I understand from Mr. Ewing that even with irrigation crops do not prove satisfactory here and the attempt to raise crops has been some at least been abandoned. This want of fertility is attributed to alkilies in the soil or some such cause.

I would require an almost instant reply. I go home tomorrow morning. I have been kindly accorded free passes. My expenses have only been to hotel and by the way a little. I suppose your precedent has been to pay no attention to such expense incurred. I raised no collection.

A nephew of Mr. Peck's, one Mr. Jones, is sick in his house, of typhoid at present, yet improving a little. Address your letter to Hays City.

Yours very truly in Christ,  
D.Sutherland.

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Salt Lake, Utah.,  
August 6th, 1874.

My dear Brother,

When can you go to Evanston to see what you can do for Brother Gillespie? He receives quite a hearty welcome at Conin. They seem to be pretty well pleased on both sides - Our Church grows and everybody is pleased. Dr. Scott writes that he will come if possible to dedication. Tell me who Wyoming of the Evangelist is? I'm going to answer his last article. He is vulnerable.

Welch.

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Alta City, Utah.  
August 7, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I make bold to send you some thoughts suggested by a visit to the burying ground in the neighborhood of our camp.

It occurred to me that if the full history of the several character of which I have given brief outlines, were written, it would be found to contain not less of interest and more of pathos than the pages of many romances.

You are at liberty to use the accompanying document in whatever way you think best. Or if I have overestimated its value, as is altogether likely, you may lay it aside until I can take it off of your hands.

Very sincerely,  
Your brother in Christ,

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J. P. Schell.



Will I be able to secure any reduction of fare over the Kansas and Pacific Railroad?

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Greely, Colorado.

August 12th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Yours of the 7th is received. Brother McMillan preached for us last Sabbath, and made a fair impression on the Congregation, but not such as would induce them to invite him to remain with them. He seems to be a very excellent and amiable man.

The Greely people have rather too high notions as to a minister to supply their pulpit. They want a \$2000, or \$3000 man for about \$800 or a \$1000.

As to the Reverend Mr. Teitworth, we are out of funds at the present, and cannot pay supplies. We are making an effort to raise some, but our expectations are not favorable. We probably could not pay his expenses if he came, and I do not think it right to have brethren come and supply us without at least their expenses being paid. We had to promise Brother McMillan to send him his.

I preach for the Church next Sabbath and I see no way at present to have the pulpit supplied, but by my doing it. Its a burden I am not very well able to bear, and nothing but the interest of the Church could induce me to do it; for ordinarily when a ministry has once resigned he had better keep resigned.

As I preach next Sabbath, perhaps Brother Teitsworth had better not come.

I am yours very truly in Christ,

R.G.Thompson.

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Salt Lake, Utah.

August 12th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson

Enclosed find letters returned. I wish You would write to Marshall for Alta and Bingham. Brother Schell goes East about the middle of September. Marshall is just the man for the vacancy. I believe they will support him almost entire, if not quite so. Bingham and Alta can be worked together successfully, except it be for a few weeks in the winter. Marshall wants a needy field; he couldn't be better suited by searching the globe around. I wrote to Dickson about him. I'll write today to Marshall.

Our work is encourageing. I go up Sunday evening to assist Gillespie at Corinne. We hav'nt decided yet what Sunday we will dedicate. Will inform you in good time.

What do you think of I have a letter from Ed of Evengelist asking me if they couldn't hear from me again. He



says he has a commission from Dr. Nelson and one from Jonathan Ogden on our side. He says there is a good deal of feeling on the subject and he thinks now is the time to ventilate it. He has no doubt but what the verdict will be on our side. I sent my reply to Wyoming and Chapin yesterday.

Hope you are all well. Kind regards to all the friends.

Your brother in Christ,

Josiah Welch.

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Trinidad, Colorado.

August 13th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of 6th received and would have been answered had I been able. Have been suffering from neuralgia, following a severe cold in the head. Was nearly free from pain a moment from Sunday evening after service until exhaustion compelled sleep last night. Have suffered so much this summer in that way, that if I were to determine my next location today it would not be in the territory. Am glad you expect to visit us. Different ones have spoken of you and enquired when you were coming, and all will be glad to see you. In regard to the places you mentioned, there reasons why I do not care to take Canon City into consideration; and as to the other, am not prepared to speak today, and would of course like to know something more about it.

Lewisburgh, Pa., T.S. has "taken me up."

George Peck is the name of the man at Las Animas about whom you enquired. Wright was the one with whom we boarded a month.

The Methodist Episcopal pastor here, Reverend Moore, was not appointed, and I hear he feels sore about it, and will probably return to the states as soon as he can dispose of his property. Reverend Washburn is the new appointed. Do you know anything about him?

I applied a short time ago for half fare permit on the stage line, but learned this morning that it was refused.

In haste and truly,

E.F. Robb.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

23 Centre Street, New York.

August 13, 1874.

Dear Doctor Jackson,

I am too unwell to-day to write you at large but enclose this to post you in regard to Cheyenne. Dont let our work be overreached by the Congregationalists. Now that we are likely to write Cheyenne and Laramie we can not spare it. Get Reid at both places, the Cheyenne people seem greatly discouraged. Cheer them up.



Reid in a more hopeful mind. I'll write him tomorrow if able.

Mr. Anderson has not written a word to me, at least none has arrived, which is more than strange.

It has involved me here for enlarging my plans.

We are over \$60,000, in debt! It is idle for Presbytery under such circumstances to ask as largely as some do. The Assembly's cutting down the \$70,000 is doing us most damage. We are indebted to Foreign missions for that blow.

Reverend Geo. Morcrossis with us and well.

Most truly

and fraternally Yours,

M.S. Dickson.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

New York, August 15, 1874.

Reverend I.F. Stewart,  
Evans, Colorado.

Dear brother,

The Board owing to its great debt now over sixty thousand dollars postponed action on your application to inquire why some other points can not be united with yours, for instance, Greely and thus reduce the large amount asked for Evans and thus relieve the Board in this time of great embarrassment.

Most truly and

Fraternally yours,

Cyrus Dickson.

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Evans, Colorado Territory.

August 17th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Enclosed find 50cts., for which please get glass in my case and oblige.

We have it understood that we will appoint Reverend Mr. Rollo. But as he is coming out, I have thought it might be as well to withhold the formal appointment until he comes on the ground.

I preached yesterday evening at Platteville, had a very good congregation and left our other appointment at their request. I have written Brother Rollo urging him to come as soon as possible. Have you ever felt Governor Evans' pulse on the subject of the Evans University? The people in Greely have it that he intends giving \$50,000 to our University. I hope they are right this time.

Yours fraternally,

John F. Stewart.

Please return nose glasses by mail and oblige

Yours, etc.



Georgetown, Colorado.

August 19, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

If you see Brother Patterson he can tell you our conditions.

At a Con. meeting hastily called the rocket burst. The whole difficulty was unexpectedly ventilated in public full house and on Sabbath. I don't know where the end will be nor how it will effect my settlement or stay here.

The dedication of the building will probably have to be deferred indefinitely. The meeting was called to make some arrangements for dedication. Now a meeting is desired to elect officers, elders etc. And I feel more anxious than ever to know who I am to depend on.

Do you expect to visit Georgetown before Presbytery? Will you spend a Sabbath? and when? Please let me know.

I think you might do some good by a visit here and soon. Matters are in a worse condition than ever. I don't feel inclined to give up the ship because there is a storm. But the future is very dark spiritually. As a matter of policy you had better visit the field at your earliest convenience.

I have been waiting to know when you are coming. I feel more and more anxious to know whether or not I am to stay here.

You never saw such a mix as we are in.

I am rooming at Mrs. Mahoney's (and take my meals with Mrs. Scott) near our church. I don't worry, but I never in my life was so put to my wits end to know what to do.

Brother John.

P.S. The seats are in the church -- chandeliers up. It is a beautiful room. May God grant us a blessing.

Did Dr. Thacker receive and forward our application to the Board approved. My idea was that you could canvas the ground, spend a Sabbath and hold a Cong. meeting the following week, Monday or Tuesday. Let me know what you can do so I will arrange accordingly.

I don't believe it will do for me to moderate a meeting for election of officers.

John L. Gage.

Georgetown, Colorado.

August 19, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I feel constrained to write you not in the way of complaint so much as warning of coming events in connection with meeting of Presbytery. I am sorry to believe that Brother Mitchell is very vindictive towards those opposed to his farther ministry here. Brother Mitchell has been at the bottom of three great troubles in the Church and over very frivolous causes and all laid to sleep by the persistent efforts of a Church unanimously desiring unity and



peace.

The Congregation have been 3 Sabbaths in the new building and last Sabbath permanently seated. By Brother Gage and members, it has been thought fitting and proper to await the day of dedication till the convening of Presbytery. No sooner decided than Brother Mitchell publicly and privately and every where demanded that a conspicuous position be accorded him in the services.

To forestall the action of Presbytery in assigning the parts last Sabbath evening he had a large promiscuous and full house detained after services and got Mr. Stewart to offer a resolution that Mr. Mitchell be there and then requested to preach the dedication sermon whenever the day arrived. I asked Mr. S. publicly if this was personally solicited by Mr. M. and he replied yes. I then expressed my profound astonishment at this very extraordinary request of Mr. S. and at the indecent haste for public distinction and procured an amendment to be passed that the whole question of assigned parts at Dedication be referred to Sessions in conjunction with Presbytery, who would be cordial in responding to any such claims to glorification as they thought Mr. M. was entitled to, and on the ground that if Mr. M. insisted on this premature arrangement it would inevitably disturb, if not divide the Church and alienate a large body of the people and that the Church craved in the meantime quiet and rest and prayer for that day of delightful anticipations. I learn to-day that he M. is again secretly trying to get the Post office with the design of staying here. If he stays many are praying and I among them, that God may have mercy on our poor Church and make the wrath of man praise Him. Brother Gage is very much liked by all classes and parties and is a very discreet man and I think will be a successful Pastor if his work be not hindered.

I write this letter by request of different parties that you be advised of the request M. will make of Presbytery. I think there is a general disposition to acquiesce in whatever course Presbytery may take.

Hoping soon to see you in person, I remain  
Yours in Ch. Bonds,  
T.M.Oviatt.

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Fairplay, Colorado.  
August 19th, 1874.

My dear Doctor Jackson:

I wrote you a few lines last week, in connection with Mrs. in which I mentioned that Mr. Finks was not well. Last week he was obliged to give up, and stayed in bed two days, and then seemed to get better, although was not strong. Last evening he preached and seemed to endure it well at the time, but in the night was taken with chills and high fever, and is very sick to-day. The Doctor



says he overexerted himself yesterday, and pronounced him to suffering from a low intermittent fever. He advises all cessation of labor for a time at least. Mr. Finks feels that he could not let the work stand still. Is there not some brother minister, who desires a vacation, and who could come up and relieve him for two or three weeks. We would board and lodge him, as we have accommodations. I do not know that it will be necessary to send anyone, but suggest it.

We learn that there is a small box awaiting us at the Express Office in Denver, upon which charges are paid. Will you please have it forwarded to us at once, by freight. Mr. F. paid 2 cents per lb. on our last freight.

Will find freighters around the Elephant Corral. I am especially anxious that it should reach us soon as it contains some flannel underwear which Mr. Finks is needing. If you attend to it therefore it will greatly oblige us.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

Very truly yours,  
N.V. Finks.

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Missoula, Montana Territory  
August 22d, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Pastor:

Your kind letters

dated June 22d and July 9th were duly received. I beg pardon for not replying sooner. I will do my best to secure your specimens for your cabinet; I have interested Mr. Kennett in assisting, who sent one of your circulars to Colonel Jenkins at Cedar. Mr. Kennett says this not being a quartz district he seldom gets anything. He thinks he can procure you some Indian relics.

Since last writing to you I have had a months vacation I spent it in Deer Lodge and Helena. I met Mr. Rommel for the first time since our coach trip. He is very pale and thin. It makes me sad to look at him. You would hardly recognize him. I think he is working too hard. He got a carriage and took Miss Reznor and me through Prickly Pear Canon. We enjoyed the scenery very much and I know he did the ride.

I received a letter last evening stating I had been appointed teacher in one of the Public Schools of Helena. Under the circumstances I feel that it is best to accept the situation. Ever since this school trouble I have felt that I did not want to stay in Missoula. The people there are divided and I have a great many unpleasant things to bear. School matters are a good deal mixed up here now. It is uncertain whether there will be a school during the coming season. The Sisters are teaching for such low figures that it is impossible to compete with them. Another great objection I have to remaining here is there are no Church privi-



leges whatever. We have not averaged preaching once a month since Mr. ~~Ellis~~ left and when we do have it it is almost punishment to listen to it. I feel the want of a Pastor so much. You are the only one I have had since I came to the Territory. My letter is in Mr. Russell's Church but he has taken no interest in me.

Hoping my change will meet with your approval, I am

Respectfully yours,

C.P.Sims.

P.S. Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

The school does not open in Helena until the last of September. I shall remain here until then.

C.P.S.

Alta, Utah.

August 22, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have been hoping to hear definitely from you in regard to your anticipated visit to Alta before I shall have left the camp.

It would be a very great pleasure to our people, as well as to myself, if you could come. I have never yet officiated at Communion services, and I would like to celebrate that solemn ordinance with the few Christians who are here, before I leave. There are as many as 10 or 12 Church members now in the vicinity, although the greater number of them have been connected with other denominations.

I contemplate being here only two more Sabbaths after tomorrow.

I enclose, for your endorsement, a letter to the General ticket Agent of the Kansas Pacific Railroad requesting a half-fare pass over that road. I have already received one over the N.P.R.R. but, as you are aware, I wish very much to go by way of Denver from Cheyenne.

I have got a few specimens for you, and can get more by going for them, if my time will permit. I have spoken to some of the boys but they are slow about bringing them in - they always "furgit."

With kindest regards, I am

Your fellow servant in Christ,

J.P.Schell.

Fort Defiance via Fort Wingate  
New Mexico.

August 24th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Friend:

Since my last to you, the way seems to be becoming



more open for my leaving here. As I handed the Agent my last letter to you, asking "to be sent to Santa Fe or elsewhere where I might be useful" he told me that the inspector, then here, thought that I ought to do the Agency "Clerking": and at the same time reduced my wages \$200. Now the clerking is work for one man; and surely compounding of Medicine for 4000 or 5000 treatments, and the Medical study of these, is work for a man. So I have concluded, that if I must write all day and often all night too, I will do it out of a Ding Shop. The rest you understand. As regards Santa Fe; you know that I cannot live in a hot climate on account of the effects of African climate upon me, the climate of Santa Fe about suits me, so would such a climate as Trinidad, Canon City or any high (say 5 to 8000 feet) mountain altitude where it is breezy through the summer and mild in winter. You can advise Sister what to do, according to what you can do for me. If there is a field for me, then she had better stay in Denver till such time as we could have a home for her, as the trip from Santa Fe here is hard and costly (30.) Please look after her welfare and charge all expenses incurred to my account, which I will pay by first opportunity.

Kind regards to Mrs. J. and yourself.

Yours in Christ,

John Menaul.

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Omaha, Nebraska.

August 24, 1874.

My dear Brother,

I come to tell you that my precious wife fell asleep in Jesus Saturday evening the 22. We left Laramie Friday, and reached here Saturday; Reverend Bell, the former agent at Laramie, took us to his house, and everything that love and money could do was done for us. She was conscious almost to the last, repeating the most wonderful German hymns, clinging so closely to Jesus.

Minnie was with us but has gone to Lewis Cap to Iowa where Bettie and Otto are stopping with my sister; Nanny and Connie will come D.V. on No. 4 to day, then we shall take the remains to Levis and as she expressed it, bury her as close beside our sainted mother as possible. Pray for us for the dear children in particular.

Yours in Jesus,

.L. Arnold.

D.V. I shall spend next Sabbath in Laramie.

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Rev. C.W. Hawley

Batavia, August 24, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

I have the invitation of the 17 st



church before me and am reserving my decision until I receive an answer to my call for information. I asked why the invitation was for a year, rather than for a pastoral settlement; and this, your letter since received answers satisfactorily. I didn't want to think of going for a year, if I were asked just to fill up a gap of that length until somebody else should be ready. I want still to learn a few particulars about the expense of living there. I don't expect to make money in the ministry, but want to get a support if possible. The large expense of moving family and furniture is rather a serious drawback to me. Could I secure any reduction from the regular rates or have any help in meeting this expense?

Though I am well housed and settled here with good opportunities for usefulness. My feelings and convictions of duty are strongly enlisted for the field offered me in Denver, and unless the information I yet wait for is too discouraging, I shall go. Perhaps I ought not to hesitate a moment on this score - Indeed it is an article of my creed that the Lord and His people will take care of the Pastor in any field in which he is truly called.

In case of my acceptance I would aim to be in Denver the first Sabbath of October, and could not well get there before that time.

My wife will not fail me in helping me to do whatever seems best. I don't know but I should have to keep her short up in the house to restrain her from hurrying off into those grand mountains that are ever in sight for a climb. I wish all the excursion folks would settle in Colorado. But it is one thing to roam and look, and another to settle and work.

I am sure I should enjoy having a hand in the laying of foundations in your fine field; Certainly there is room for working there without need of jostling each other.

Praying that there may always be reapers for the Lord's harvest, I remain

Yours fraternally,  
C.W. Hawley.

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Evanston, Iowa.  
August 24th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Brother,

We had a good attendance yesterday both morning and evening, although Mr. Long from Ogden occupied the Methodist Church and a gown and prayer book from Leeds, England (colored man) the Baptist Church. I find the church here much scattered and a very low standard of piety prevailing. Cards, wine and dancing are advocated under cover of the former pastors example, and only art and brilliant oratory desired in the pulpit.



Mr and Mrs. Tooley have been very hospitable and I have called on most of the leading families of the town and find them very friendly and cordial in their expressions of good will. Mr. Marshall, the young man supplying the Episcopal Church got disgusted with his negro brother and left for Fort Bridger to hold service there yesterday.

He has been occupying our church and seemed a little discomfited because I would not give way for one service. The only objection and hinderance to our success here is want of a settled minister of the right kind.

Corinne is equally needy and demands all my time, for success in keeping the lead in the popular attendance. The people are doing well for the many discouraging influences now upon them. If you can possibly find a man to come here and reside, our lead in Church matters here is secured; otherwise we will be spending all our money on the R.R. and much of our strength in vying with the other denominations.

I have told Mrs. Tooley to look out for you this week. If you could come next Sabbath and again elow out the gown and prayer book and announce me for the next Sabbath following. The young man I think would pack his trunk. I have no confidence in his personal influence - fear very much it will be like that of Mr. Cooper. Had they a good man and he was doing a good work, I would say let him alone. The Methodist brother is sent back for another year, like a prisoner remanded again to his cheerless cell - he is very unpopular although I think a good man. The Baptist is called the negro church from Mr. and Mrs. Coswell's connection with it. They are despairingly anxious for a minister. Their negro blood prevents them from exerting an extensive influence although they have great credit for what they are doing, especially in the Sunday School.

I leave this statement of matters here with you, expecting your personal superintendence, and I will try and fill any appointments you make here for me, although I feel it is at the expense of our interests at Corinne.

Brother Welch was with me at a very interesting Communion service a week ago -- two additions by certificate.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Very truly yours,

S.S. Gillespie.

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Fairplay, August 25, 1874.

Brother Jackson,

It has not been convenient to take up a collection on mileage yet.

But you can count on \$2.00 certain for that. I intend to go to Georgetown across the range on horseback as I have a horse now. So I cannot attend the Synod at Denver.

Our church is completed outside. Will soon be plastered and seated. Intend to hold a concert in it for the benefit



of lighting it about September 11. We have made no arrangements about lighting it. I thought perhaps your experience and opportunities of ascertaining the best way to light would be of advantage to us. Two small chandeliers suspended from 2 rods which cross the house I think would light it, or reflectors from the side might answer. Do me the favor to ascertain in Denver cost of suitable lamps and report at once.  
Yours, D.A. Finks.

Pa.

August 26, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have been greatly pressed for time of late but I finished an article on the College in Colorado for Evangelist yesterday. I may have it set up here and send a proof in advance to all our Presbyterian papers, and try to get them all at one shot. You will see that I "point the moral" with Moses and I hope you may be importuned by "nursing fathers and nursing mothers" who offer to take the care of the babe.

I want you to arrange to spend a Sabbath with me when East in November. Who goes to 1st Church in Denver now?

Miss J.C. Palmer of Philadelphia may soon go to Denver and I bespeak you be so kind as to advise her as she may need. She is a splendid character and a wholehearted Presbyterian.

Her educational views are far in advance of the great body of teachers.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children I remain

Yours truly,

W.V.W.

Fort Defiance, Arizona Terr.  
August 26, 1874.

Brother Jackson,

Yours of 8th received. We feel a little disappointed that you and Brother Welsh have postponed your trip through here for the present. April would be better than February or March for your journey next spring. Earlier than April you would meet with snow and mud. I receive the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian regularly, which is a very welcome visitor in the wilderness. Will try to get some specimens for you by the time you come this way. This however is quite a barren region for anything of the kind, except petrified wood. There are large blocks and logs of it all around here. Am sorry to learn that Brother Sample has declined the call to Denver. Presume you have had the usual



influx of visitors this season.

Brother Menaul has determined to leave here as soon as he can secure another place of labor. Am glad to learn that Bessie has recovered by this time. The wet season here is continuing longer than usual, which does not agree with me very well. Governor Amy is absent at Santa Fe just now.

Kind regards to your family.

Yours fraternally,  
W.B. Truax.

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Helena, Montana Territory.  
August 26, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

No reply to my last letter has been received.

I saw lately in the papers that a Presbyterian College was about to be incorporated in Colorado and your name among others, was mentioned as a founder.

For some reasons mainly because of my sister's health, which would be greatly benefited, I believe, by a residence in Colorado, I am desirous of a transfer to that state. My experience in teaching has been pleasant and profitable and I would not be averse to renewing the experience under favorable auspices. You may remember that I was Tutor of Greek for one year in Princeton College and resigned because of impaired health and my desire to be engaged in the work of my calling; the ministry of the gospel. It has been my purpose to connect preaching and teaching as I think I have not been without success as a teacher.

As regards my teaching qualifications, I would refer you to Rever's Dr. Pingry and Pierson of Elizabeth, New Jersey and Pres. W.E. Cash, Drs. Atwater, Duffield and Packard and Karge of Princeton College.

This is merely written on a venture I could not leave at once nor until my charge here was more firmly established. My relations with my people have been uniformly pleasant and harmonious and it would be a great trial to leave them. This I would remind you is not my intention for some time to come, at least, but I feel that I might perhaps accomplish more good by combining teaching and preaching.

Please inform me of the prospects of the institution and its plans for the future as well as its present location condition etc, and what kind of an opening if any there would be for me.

At our last Communion two Sabbaths since there were 6 additions, 5 by letter and one on profession and hope to let contract for completion of the Church in a few days.

Present membership 49. Kind regards to your family and best wishes for your own prosperity.

Yours truly,  
W.C. Rommel.



Trinidad, Colorado.

August 27th, 1874

Dear Brother Jackson:

We might have built an inexpensive Church this fall, and I favored it. But there were reason who every other member of the session and Board of trustees did not favor it. I thought best to do something; and so proposed buying an organ. That met with favor; and in a few hours I had a subscription of \$210.00. The ladies determined to give a supper, which was done last night. All the work of preparation for this was done in twenty-four hours, and the net receipts were over \$100.00. We got a donation of \$75. in advertising, and gave it as first payment on our organ, which thus costs us less than the cash we had raised and leaves our \$150.00 to add to \$75.00 already in our building fund. We have the whole social influence of the place at present, and the field seems very promising indeed. There never was a more enjoyable festival to all than the one we had last night.

I wish you could come and see us. If you come in the night coach, go right to Mrs. Winters' though let us know when if you can. Have been disappointed in two sources of getting money, and have about given up the idea of going to Presbytery. Promising and pleasant as this field really is there are reasons which bear with constantly increasing weight to induce me to leave it. Reasons which would not so much affect another; so I shall probably soon announce my decision to the Congregation.

Hoping soon to hear that we will have a visit from you, I remain

Your brother in Christ,  
E.F. Robb.

Morristown, N.J.

August 29th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I have been away from New York more or less, for the past two years and have not had the pleasure of hearing from you, except through the public printing. I suppose you are acquainted with the Reverend John A. McAfee and his enterprise at "Highland, Kansas, - called the "Hurford Home" in connection with the University, at that place. I have assisted him twice within a year, and he now makes another call upon me, as you will see by the enclosed letter, but before going further, I would like some information from those who know him personally and something of his operations.

Can you inform me whether it is all right and if he is really worthy of the aid which he solicits.

A reply at your convenience will oblige me. I hope you are going on prosperously with the important work in which you are engaged.



With cordial wishes for your welfare,  
 Yours very truly,  
 H.A. Corning.

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 Denver, Colorado.

September 9th, 1874.

Dear Brother Hill:

I send you the enclosed letters in confidence.

If you have personal knowledge of Hurford Home - please write Mr. Corning and greatly oblige me.

Mr. Corning is a liberal giver and a warm personal friend of mine.

Your Brother in Christ,  
 Sheldon Jackson.

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 Highland, Kansas,

August 21st, 1874.

Mr. H.K. Corning,

My dear Sir:

God has graciously inclined your heart to assist in supporting Hufford Home band of students in Highland University. It is a noble band. We are making brick to provide for ourselves a dormitory which will accommodate about twenty-five students with good rooms besides brick for other arrangements about the house. We hope this week to get our kiln of 150 thousand ready for fire. We need some help to proceed with our building. Hoping God has blessed you and will incline you to help on this work, I make this appeal to you in this behalf.

Yours in Gospel bonds,  
 John A. McAfee.

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 Colorado Springs, Colorado.

August 30, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

As I understand you are the Superintendent of Missions of the Presbyterian Church for Colorado.

Notwithstanding personally we are strangers and I probably unknown to you yet my desire to see the greatest possible prosperity of practical Christianity impels me to address this note to you.

As doubtless I am a stranger to you permit me to say from more than 40 years I have been in Communion with the Presbyterian Church except a few years when there was no Presbyterian Church I belonged to the Congregational Church which was at



that time (in New York State) represented in Presbytery on the old plan of union. For more than 20 years I have been and am still an Elder in the 1st Presbyterian Church at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

I have had to come to Colorado for my health. I have spent two winters here and part of the summer of 1872. Have been here all the time since last October. I have finally removed my family here and expect to make this my future home long as the Lord shall please.

I have seen the commencement and progress of our beloved Church here and have no little anxiety as to its prosperity and usefulness and there are some things I can say, some impressions I have whether the impressions are erroneous or not which I tell you and would not feel free to communicate to anyone here. I am no croaker, I don't like croakers, in many things which it seems to me might be better I keep silence lest my criticism might hinder good being done already going forward. Two years ago I think our church was standing first in influence here. It has now the second place probably and I fear it will go further down in the list. There is material enough here which will most naturally chance to us to make it second to none.

What we need is a minister who has good organizing ability. This Church has lost a great deal in that particular in exchanging Brother Gage for Brother Bowrie in some other respects I consider Mr. Lowrie superior to Mr. Gage but not in our young town filling up so fast. I consider Mr. Bowrie a man of more than ordinary talent as a preacher, devoted, earnest and faithful, willing to do all he possibly can and capable of filling a much larger and more important field than this but he does lack tact of combining the new elements in this new place. I do not wish to say so here to this people lest it may detract from his influence. I understand he is hired only for one year from October 1st, 1873. He has gone East to remain until October. He asked me before he went away if I thought he could build this church up. I would not answer the question lest I should discourage him not as I should had I known he is not settled here as Pastor. Next Sunday there is to be a meeting to decide whether he shall be employed another year and perhaps he is the best man we can get, yet I have but little hope of much progress if that choice is made. There is very little system in the working of the Church or Society. Most everything runs loose especially in all its financial matters great deficiency here. No one to look after those many small things which aggregate so much, I know a minister cannot do all these little things but if he, like a good General can put some subordinate to the work it is far better than for him to do it.

In my opinion if Brother Laney would marry a good sensible woman, one who could criticise him lovingly in some little things as none other person can as well get invited to an older church. I believe he can do a great deal of good and maintain an influential position among our Churches, but I



do not think he is constituted to do the most good in such a heterogenous population as is getting here. I feel it is a critical time in the life of the Church. There is a number of families here which the right kind of influence will draw to our Church who have before been Congregationalists, in fact, several who have joined this church were Congregationalists and long as there is no such Church organized here will remain with us now long as this influence can be secure as it ought to be; in a short time if the right influence is exerted we shall have grown strong enough to maintain our Church in its standing when a Congregationalist Church shall be organized, all this now and as long as we can we ought to

I hardly think there would be strength enough now in the Presbyterian Church to go forward if there was a Congregational Church organized here with an enterprising minister. The first is there are a great many more of business enterprising men here who prefer Congregational government than Presbyterian and we ought to get all the strength we can before such an organization is

It would be greatly for our prosperity, I think if Mr. Gage can be induced to return here. I think he could do more good than if he had not been away. I think the Church would be willing to make him a regular call and have him enstalled soon as may be.

Now I hope you will pardon this long letter but I felt a desire to tell some one my thoughts and your position in our church turned my attention to you and I have said to you what I have not communicated to any other person. All respecting Brother Laney, I trust will be confidential.

If you can write any thing advising us what is best to do for our meeting next Sunday we will be obliged to you and use your counsel confidential as you wish. Hoping to hear from you I am

Yours truly,  
G.H. Stewart.

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Trinidad, Colorado  
August 31st, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 26th received Saturday. Had written you twice last week so did not answer immediately. Wanted also to consider the matter further, and be able to give you the latest date at which I can expect to remain here. Have given up all hope of going to Presbytery, as I have not the money, and am paying 2 1/2 percent a month on \$50. borrowed last month. If you can possibly arrange at Presbytery to secure a supply fro this place, I wish you would do it. If it will suit the supply to come immediately, I will be glad to leave at once. If noone can come immediately, I will remain here until the last of November. I do not at present



know of any reasons that will induce me to prolong my stay beyond that time.

Of course it is understood, that if any one will take the place between this time and that, I will be ready to leave it.

Am truly sorry that you cannot visit us, though your reasons for not doing so are valid. Can sympathize with you in losing lbs weight as I have done the same thing myself. Last summer I gained but this season have lost both weight and strength. Will try to get several months rest after leaving this point. Who is Reverend Teitsworth and where does he expect to locate. I have half fare permit for self over the D. and R.

Excuse me to Presbytery as my presence is out of the question.

Very sincerely yours,  
E.F.Robb.

Troy, Bradford. Co., Pa.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
My dear Sir:

I send you a draft on New York of \$50.00 for the church of Central City. This is from the First Presbyterian church of Troy, Pa. Will you please send me a receipt for the same also will you please notice it in your paper and send me a copy of the same. I hope the Church will prosper at Central City and get out of debt.

I am under many obligations to you as one of the excursionists for your kindness and attention paid to us and hope you will be blest in your labor of love.

Yours respectfully,  
(Elder) E. Van Dine.

Schenectady, N.Y.

September 1st, 1874.

The Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Sir:

I have learned through your paper, which your Aunt, Mrs. J. Cady, sent me, that you are in need of funds to get books for your Sabbath School.

"And also the widows of the Modocs, are now hearing the Gospel of the Grace of God from men of our speech."

I presume you mean from Missionaries who are sent to them.

I enclose a check for fifty dollars (\$50.00). Twenty dollars of that amount I present to you, to help get books for your Sabbath School.

The remaining thirty dollars is for the benefit of the



Modoc Mission. You will oblige me if you will see that it is used for that purpose.

Respectfully yours,  
Adelia V. Fruman.

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Stephentown, New York,  
September 2, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Dear Brother:

I have concluded to accept the offer of the Trustees at Evans; and will (D.V.) be on there to begin School at opening on the 28th, provided it is impracticable to delay opening a week or to get along without me for a week. I am as yet entirely in the dark as to the nature of the school, number of teachers, etc.

I shall make a condition with the trustees that I may not be bound to be with them the full nine months if I find everything different from my expectations and unsuitable to begin such an enterprise. But I think you may announce that a Principal has been secured.

My daughter will try to get up a Music class at Evans and Greely and perhaps at Denver if there is any encouragement at all. Would it be of importance or even well to announce that young ladies can receive good advantages in Music, Piano, Organ, Melodian and vocal culture as well as in drawing and oil painting at Evans or in connection with the school movement.

that not many fine art pupils are to be found, I am aware.

As to the expediency of calling attention to it in connection with the school, you and the friends must judge of the expediency of so doing. The trustees of course will have no responsibility in the matter.

Yours in haste,  
E.M.Rolle.

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Cheyenne, Wyoming.  
September 5th, 1874.

Dear Brother:

Have just had a very satisfactory letter from Doctor Dickson and have determined to "hold on" till November 15th. What shall I announce for next Sunday.

In haste,  
W.B.Reed.

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Georgetown, Colorado.  
September 5, 1874.

Doctor Jackson,  
Reverend and Dear Brother:

According to instruction,  
to remind you of a little favor I write to you to-day.

One matter is the sending of January no. of Presbyterian containing California Missionary news, and the other is the sending me of Catalogue and prospectus of Mills' Young Ladies School near Oakland.

We are wanting to leave here from the middle to last of October. I am sorry to write that our Church matters are far from being settled or satisfactory and I am afraid they will not be as long as Brother Mitchell stays. Mr. and family have entirely withdrawn from all participation and several more are threatening to do so. But we will hope and pray for the best. Best regards to your family.

Yours in the bonds of Christ,  
T.M.Oviatt.

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Golden, Colorado  
September 7th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 4th inst with check for \$300. received. We are much obliged for the kindness and return herewith the note for the same. I will make out a mort-gage deed and hand to you when we meet at Presbytery next week. I cannot get it in time to send with this today. Except this amount I have no liens on the property and hope to be able to return the whole amount to you in 6 months from date - that is if you desire to receive it at that time and provided it will not be any loss to you. If you would prefer however to loan it for the year I will retain it for that time. Mrs. S. is quite well again and is about going with me to make some pastoral calls.

She unites in kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

(In haste)  
Yours in Christ,  
R.L.Stewart.

P.S. Your kindness will free me from present embarrassment and assist me very much in keeping square with the world.  
R.L.S.

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Corinne, Utah.  
September 8th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Dear Brother,  
The Episcopal interest at Evanston was far



beyond my expectations.

They had the Freemason's hall and had worked up their congregation to the last man, whom they thought would attend any church.

I found Mrs. Tooley and Mrs. Winslow alone faithful to our Church, and these two ladies alone, with two little girls constituted my audience in the morning. But we had an interesting meeting notwithstanding.

The organist whom Mrs. Tooley had engaged was induced to stay away, by Mr. Morrison, and I heard that he had said publicly that he was going to break up the Presbyterian Church, But the wrath of man has in this case been our help and for God's glory. It led Mrs. Tooley, Winslow and myself to active operations. We visited all who were out of the other clique. The Baptists and the Methodists favored us by their united presence. We got in some Lutheran families, who have been kept from us by the character of our supporters. As Mr. Tisdale remarked to me, "Mr. Cooper preached all the Christians out of the Church and all the gamblers and infidels into it."

The result was we had a crowded house in the evening. And I was greatly blessed in having my conscience relieved from the temptation of trying to preach a flowery discourse to butterfly hearers and seemed to interest them with the plain gospel. I gave notice of a Congregational meeting for the election of a new board of trustees, rendered necessary by the Episcopalians having taken in several of our Trustees, and others having moved away. So that there was no one left in the interest of Presbyterianism.

I hope you will receive a copy of our proceedings in the Evanston Age.

We elected only those who were present or who had consented to act.

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| Mr. E.S. Crocker, | President.               |
| Thomas Blythe     | Secretary and Treasurer  |
| (L. Tisdale       | (Winter Hotel)           |
| M. Beeman         | (Rockey Mount, Coal Me.) |
| G. Christiana     | (Shoe Store)             |
| William Crawford  | (Stock man)              |
| P.H. Tooley       |                          |

These gentlemen have the interest of Presbyterianism at heart and were chosen by each other and will work together harmoniously.

Judge North was present and made a statement that \$64. was still due on the house, which was received with surprise as he had frequently said that there was some money belonging to the Church still in his hands. He gave me the impression of winking to withdraw what he had put into the church by the confused manner in which he spoke of the accounts. Mr. Blythe will see to our interests as he is a staunch Presbyterian.

I was very much discouraged when I saw how matters were and was ready to censure you for not stopping and attending to this business matter, but in being compelled to stir a-



round and help set the Church agoing, I found a very healthy interest in our Church, and we feel more in earnest to work together for her good. Pray for us and try and send a good man to Evanston.

The proposition of supporting only a resident minister was like the doctrine of States rights in stirring up the rebellion and was the point from the Episcopalians attacked us.

I announced Mr. Schell for next Sabbath and if he could be induced to stay a few months at Evanston it would be very much for us.

Yours truly,

L.L.Gillespie

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

Trinidad, Colorado.

September 8th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of 2d received. It is already known to some that I will leave here before long, and will soon be generally known. I hope you will be able soon to find a good man for this point. It is indeed a promising one, more so than any other new field that I know of anywhere. The Methodist Church has had only a few sermons in three months past, and has almost no membership or social influence.

I wish you would let me know the earliest moment possible after you make arrangements for securing my successor; as it will naturally enable me to make my arrangements about leaving and travelling to better advantage. It will cost a little more, probably, to go East via Denver; but as wife has seen almost nothing of the Territory, the civilized part at least, I think it likely we will accept your invitation and make you a brief visit.

I am thinner in flesh and weaker than since coming into the territory and will be glad to take a rest of a few months. Some advise me to make it at least a year. Have worked and lost since in the spring, except while I "vacationized," and then only held my weight without gaining.

I hope they will not conclude the Synodical Missionary's work as done yet, if he can be allowed funds to enable to visit the Southern part of the territory. There will be a very important point someday at the head of this river (the Purgatorie); and the next move of the A.T. and Santa Fe will be to a point 50 or 60 miles from this where a permanent junction will be established, one line to Santa Fe and one into the mountains for coal and iron. This is in all probability their programme. And an itinerant would find work between here and Las Animas in this valley.

If a man of family should be thinking of this point, you



can assure him of good society here.

Excuse me at Presbytery, and let me hear from you as to the prospects as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,  
E.F. Robb.

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Evans, Colorado Territory.  
September 8th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I received my commission a few days ago for the year - \$600 from the Board. This is the best I suppose that can be done and I am not disposed to try for more at present although I ought to have had at least seven hundred.

I preached at Plattsvill last Sabbath as per appointment had the largest congregation I have had. But the Congregationalists have been up from Denver and headed us off in the matter of organization, Mr. Rickett and Sturtevant. They told me at Plattville by one of their own members that they organized with five men. But I see it announced in the Rocky Mountain News that the organization was with twelve. I think that five is nearer the truth as this lady, Mrs. Ferbur ought to know as she was one of the five.

I left an appointment which I will fill and will possibly upset the former arrangement if I can do it in any way consistent with Denominational courtesy.

Mr. Robb is coming but he asks to postpone the school one week at least. I think it would perhaps be better as it will be important to be here and fixed. If so we had better postpone the opening services until some time we shall fix at Synod. On which day will Synod meet. I have sent away all the papers you send. Though I can look it up.

Yours fraternally,  
J.F. Stewart.

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Fort Defiance, A.T.  
September 9, 1874.

Brother Jackson:

Your note of 25th ult was handed me by Brother Menaul, in relation to his taking charge of our Church at Santa Fe.

Am glad to know you think favorably of the matter and I hope you may be able to secure this settlement there. Under all the circumstances, it seems to me about the best thing that can be done. The brethren there have been without a Pastor so long they are becoming discouraged. They are acquainted with Brother Menaul and he having been in the country several years understands better than a stranger could, the difficulties to be met and overcome in building up our Church



at Santa Fe. His wife has been engaged in pioneer Missionary labors the most of her life and being full of faith and zeal would be a great power in aiding her husband in the work contemplated. Unless our Board does something very soon for that Church, I fear it will be totally disbanded.

A good beginning has been made - a Church building, parsonage and five acres of land, all paid for. This is a substantial foundation on which to build. You suggest that Brother M. should write to the brethren at Santa Fe and ask them to request the Board to send him there. This will be done and I trust the suggestion will meet with their approval.

Fort Defiance sends kind regards and hopes to have a church here after awhile. We have Divine service every Sabbath for the Indians and also for others.

When you come, perhaps you may have the pleasure of organizing the first Presbyterian Church of any kind. Indeed, I am not certain that there is even a Catholic Church within its borders. My health is slowly improving and I trust another year's residence here may so far restore me as to resume my life work. In the meantime, I shall help the Navajos, all in my power.

Yours fraternally,  
W.B.Truax.

Mount Pleasant, Sept., 10th, 1874.

Dear Mrs. Jackson,

Are you one of a company of missionaries who went South West in the year 1868? Did you go to Spencer's Academy while the rest of the party went to Tallahassee among the Creeks? The name of Reverend Sheldon Jackson takes me away back to years ago, when in company with a very entertaining band, I went to my mission home in the Indian Territory, and it was with real interest and pleasure that I read a paper not long ago, to which was attached the name of Mr. J. I shall be very much pleased to hear from you soon.

Do they want a teacher in the vicinity where you are? It seems to me Colorado must be a broad splendid field for those who are at liberty to make themselves useful. Will you please write very soon and address Miss J. Mills in care of reverend John R. K. Jenkins, Dover Morris Co., New Jersey.

Yours respectfully,  
J. Mills.

London, Ohio.

September 11th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find Post Office order for



five dollars. It is to help the work along in every way you wish. Your monthly has been coming for some time; glad to have it. If there is any minister, Sunday School, Teacher or poor member where it will do good send it, I hope to pay for it some day.

I would have called while in Denver in July, 73, to thank you for half fare from Omaha but did not wish to bother you.

Thanking you now I wish it were possible to do more.

Have you any Sunday School that would like to have 40 or 50 second hand books if we should pay freight? If so let me know, and oblige

Yours etc.,

C.W.Finley,

London,

Madison Co.,  
Ohio.

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Plymouth, Pa.

September 12, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I promised that evening at Central to raise \$25. for the Central City Church. I am glad to be able to more than double my pledge. Please find draft enclosed for \$52. Our prayers are also offered up for the Church's complete relief and more extended good.

My visit to Colorado with its associations is a constant source of pleasure. I was much built up by it and have been able to do much hard work since coming home.

I wrote a series of letters from there for one local paper. I have found opportunity in two discourses from the pulpit to draw instructive lessons for my people from what I observed.

I trust you and your work are both in a healthy state.

My regards to the brethren on your field whom we met.

Yours in the Lord,

W.P.White.

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Cheyenne, Wyoming.

September 14, 1874.

Dear Brother:

Your card received. I was impelled to urge your coming last week by what I thought fair prospects of an awakened interest among our people if not the world outside. We embarked on the week of prayer very favorably and the spirit seemed to dwell with us, one lady arising for prayer on Wednesday. On Thursday night we repaired to the Methodist Church for 3 remaining nights and I fear the solemnity of



the hour was destroyed in part by their dramatic procedure at all events we did not prosper as we had hoped. We think it best to have a Communion next Sunday to unite our scattered forces and let the world see who is with us. Mr. Cooper is working like a man and I think the Board will err if they do not hear our prayer in his recommission here. Dr. Dickson answered me that it was not in accordance with usage to transfer a Commission but that a new Commission could be issued and the old one cancelled if necessary. I have written him giving my views of the necessities of the case, believing that this field is worth 400 dollars of the Board's indulgence for six months. It is my final petition and they will not lose much in comparison to what was wasted on Mr. Kephart if Cooper fails and if he does he is not guilty of idleness. His wife will prove a tower of strength to him.

If your presence is available next Sunday do grant it we hope pass will be renewed by that time; otherwise we are too poor to pay fare. Cooper will entertain your digestion and I will attend to your "couch."

Yours,  
Cnyder.

Stephenton, N.Y.,  
September 14, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Dear Brother:

Yours of the 8th inst is just received with Brother Stewart's of the same date. He gives me an explicit statement of the school enterprise. It is a little more crude than even the utmost stretch of fancy could anticipate. The real state of things is so much in contrast with the advertisement of the school, that it excited more than a smile. But I am aware that all that is very

Ere this I suppose that my son and daughter have called on you. I have great fears as to the result of his residence in Colorado; and have much sympathy for my little daughter who has assumed the responsibility of taking him on, that I am anxious to follow them.

I have made all my arrangements to be in Evans on Saturday the 26th, and though the opening of the school is to be deferred one week think I shall go on at that time. If I should hear very favorable news from my son, I may defer it a day or two.

I shall expect to take charge of the school if they secure any rooms for the purchase and the health of my son allows it.

Yours truly,  
E.M. Roll-



Helena, Montana.

September 14th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Brother:

Your long and kind letter was duly received. Pardon the complaining tone of my previous letter I suppose you have enough of cares without the additional burdens of another.

My sister's health is very poor. Consumption is threatened. Would it be possible for me to be exchanged to Colorado to some place on the line of the railroad, so that she might come out and live with me there until her health should be restored.

The late news from home is not encouraging and I may be compelled to leave my field for a time if I would see her alive. I am in a strait. What can you do to assist me?

Perhaps a good boarding place in some pleasant family might be obtained but this would be useless unless there was companionship for her.

The long journey and living among strangers would I fear be worse than if she should remain at home. I would bring her here but the coach ride I fear would be too severe.

Yours,

W.C. Rommel.

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1532 Spruce Street, Phila.

September 15, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Brother:

After my return from the West I presented the cause of the Church at Central City to my congregation, a feeble folk. Our church collections run 4, 3, and 2 1/2 a Sabbath but for this purpose our church collection was \$8.31. A man who drives the Chemical Works team interested himself and gathered \$9.00 more. Other parties handed me \$8.50; \$5.00 of which was thrown off a bill by a carpenter, a Mission member who had done \$35's worth of work for us.

When I pledged and paid \$15 for this cause in the parlor of the hotel at Central City I stated my doubt whether my people could redeem it all, but they did and their action is another proof of the advantage of direct over indirect modes of giving, as through Boards, etc.

I have the pleasantest remembrances of my Western trip but the engrossing nature of my Mission Work has enslaved my pen until now. The last dollar of the above was handed me on Sabbath last and I will remit you a Post Office Money Order for the balance of \$10.81 the first time I go down town.

Wishing you every success in your work and kindest remembrances to Mrs. Jackson, I am very truly yours,



With fraternal regard,  
N.W.Cary.

P.S. Do not answer this until your next "breathing spell" comes.

Morristown, N.J.,  
September 15, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of 8th inst and I thank you for your trouble, with regard to my enquiry, about Mr. MacAfee.

I have just made my contribution to the Home Mission Board, through the Church here, nevertheless as Mr. Robb's case, seems to demand relief. I enclose a check to his order for sixty dollars to cover principal and something towards the interest and hope the relief will encourage him in his work.

I have received the three copies of your Missionary paper and thank you. It ought to have an extensive circulation in your section.

I would be glad, occasionally (once a month or so) to receive a copy to post myself in the Mission work which I am thankful to see, by the last Annual Report just received going on favorably.

Mr. church here contributed quite liberally  
With great regard,  
Yours sincerely,  
H.K. Corning.

Valmont, Colorado.  
September 16th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

As I am unable to go to Georgetown to Presbytery and failing to see Mr. Rosekrans before he left I write you to say on behalf of the people and members of the Church at Valmont, that we wish Brother Anderson to preach for us, as he has been doing.

The people all like him and I am satisfied will do what ever they can to aid in his support.

Yours truly,  
P.M. Hansel.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

New York, September 17th, 1874.



Yours of the 5th of August was duly received. It was answered August 11th. I have been anxiously looking for an answer to it but no answer has come.

I now fear you have not received it. When I received yours of the 5th, it looked so far ahead before we should be able to send supplies to Mr. Arnold that I asked you in mine of the 11th of August if it would not be better to give us some other name and get some other church to attend to Mr. Arnold as his needs seemed to me so urgent but I left the matter altogether with yourself.

Very soon now we hope to commence working - but for whom shall we work - expecting a letter every day from you or I would have written to Mr. Arnold and as you may have now some one else to attend to his wants I have concluded to wait still longer in hopes of hearing from you. I have left word at Yonkers to forward all letters that may come there for me. I am really very sorry to take so much of your valuable time but I know not what else to do. I know I could have found some nearer home but having such confidence in your judgment and feeling there might be the greatest need in that far off place induced me thus to trouble you. I do hope you will get this soon and be enabled to answer immediately.

Mr. Kerr and I spent a pleasant summer at \_\_\_\_\_ and have come home; I am thankful to say much refreshed. Mr. Kerr's general health is poor - unable to do much work. We like our young Minister, Samuel M. Hamilton very much - the church is filling up. I hope your family are all well.

Trusting to hear from you soon, I remain

Your friend,

Amelia Kerr.

10 East Ninth St.

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Trinidad, Colorado.

September 18th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I wish you would be so good as to send me the amount of the fare from Denver to New York City via K.P. and also via the W.P.

I am so troubled in my head with catarrh and so exhausted as to nervous power, that I should in all prudence cease work for awhile; and as I cannot afford to stay here after stopping work, I will probably leave in a few weeks. This is sooner than I intended but seems to be necessitated. If you will mention my leaving in the R.M.P. please do not attach any reasons to the notice. I expect to rest some months with friends, but do not care to be placed on the sick list. I hope someone has been secured for this point, but must go, whether or not. Let me hear from you soon, if possible.

Yours in Christ,

E.F. Robb.

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Philadelphia, Pa.,  
September 18, 1874.

Reverend Doctor Jackson,  
My dear Sir:

The Reverend William Y. Brown late of Denver, is preaching to the Darby Borough Church in this vicinity, with the view of becoming their pastor. A letter from Mr. Samuel Shell of Denver, written to a gentleman of this city, speaks of Mr. Brown as being unfit for the office of a Christian Pastor. As I had charge of the Darby Church phlpit and assisted the Session in their efforts to obtain a Pastor, I feel much concern in the account sent by Mr. Shell. At the request of the Session, I wrote twice to Denver on that subject, directing my letters to the "Rev. Robert Sample, or Session of 1st Presbyterian Church at Denver." After waiting for more than a month, I have received no reply, while I have reason to believe that both my letters reached their destination. My object in writing to you is to inquire whether you have reason to think that Mr. Brown is unsuited to the work of the ministry?

As I am personally a stranger to you, it may seem unreasonable that I should ask of you information in this matter, but I know nobody in Denver and it seems a pity that any church should be left to suffer for want of proper information, even though it has to be obtained by the hands of a stranger. I promise you that I shall make a "prudent use" of any thing you may write, and that your name in the business shall not be mentioned in any way.

Mr. Brown is gaining a popularity among the people, and I sincerely hope that he will prove to be a good and useful pastor notwithstanding Mr. Shell's unfavorable report. It may be proper for me to say that the members of the Darby Church know nothing of Mr. Shells report.

Please write me very soon, that we may know how to act before the meeting of the Presbytery, which will occur early in October (5th), at which time the call will be presented to Mr. Brown, "if the way be clear."

Yours in the Gospel,  
Charles Brown.  
Treasurer of the Min. Relief Fund.  
1334 Chestnut Street

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Denver, Colorado.  
September 25, 1874.

Rev. Charles Brown;  
Dear Sir:

While waiting for the coach, I have merely time to say, that Mr. W.T. Brown left Colorado in bad repute among his brethren. Yet I consider him a fair preacher, a great worker and a good Presbyterian.

If he could be kept a stated supply rather than a set-



tled pastor, it would be better for the Church.

He did a grand work here at first, when the Church wanted a change of Ministers. He fought them so bitterly as almost to undo what he had done of good. Although I had greatly assisted him here, yet because I would not side with him in his efforts to destroy this church, I understand he is saying all manner of evils things about me.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson.

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1060 N. Holstead St.,

September 19, 1874.

Dear Sir,

You see I am at school again well and strong. Yesterday received the note I gave you for \$75.00.

Once more my thanks for the kindness shown me from you and yours. May God bless you also.

Yours in Christ,

J.A. Mitchell.

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PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Philadelphia, Pa.

September 19, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson:

As you know the official position of the Reverend Charles Brown, I merely write to say that you can rely upon his making an eminently judicious and cautious use of any information which you can afford him.

Fraternally,

John W. F. 11 s.

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Afton, Iowa.

September 21st, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Sir:

I have just returned from spending a Sabbath with the people served by the late Brother McElhiny of

His widow expects to support herself and five little children on the amount (\$300.00 or \$400.00 per year) to be received from the relief fund.

She owns a house with \$100.00 indebtedness thereon. But oh! what a house. There is no plaster on any part of it. Some of the windows have never had any sash in them. It stands up off the ground on parts and is perfectly open underneath. Can you conceive how a mother and little children (the eldest about 11 years and the youngest 18 months) can winter in this house. To take the money received from the



Relief Fund and finish her house would be to take the very bread from the lips of her little ones and herself. Are there not those well known to Brother Jakkson who would visit these fatherless children and widow in their affliction by sending a little donation of money to make their home safe to live in. I am sure that such an act would not be beneath the Master's notice. Would you deem it a duty to present this case to some of your friends or through the columns of your truly excellent and very needful paper.

Your Brother truly,  
R.Boag.

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Helena, Montana.

September 24th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your kind letter was duly received. It would afford me much pleasure to labor in Colorado among so many old friends. Unless there be an absolute necessity arising from family relations, it would not be advisable for me to leave Helena until next summer. Do not then make any effort for me in anticipation of a transfer until you hear again from me on this subject. I have no present intention of leaving Montana nor do I expect to leave next summer unless it should be necessary. For your offer of help please accept my thanks. My sister may spend the coming winter in Colorado, but this is not decided.

Her health does not improve as was expected but we hope for the best.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and best wishes for your own prosperity.

Yours,  
W.C.Rommel.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

23 centre st/, New york.

September 25, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

The matter of Missionary Boxes is troubling us. The usual number have not applied for boxes, and we think the Church offering to provide them may be in excess of the applications. And then, those applying make too meagre and indefinite statements as to their needs.

Will you therefore send us a list full and descriptive of any and all of the Missionaries on your field who in your judgment need a Box; also giving any special knowledge you may have as to their necessities.



Please let us hear from you as early as possible.

Yours truly,

H.Kendall

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Denver, Colorado.

September 25th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,

Governor Evans respectfully requests your attendance at a meeting of the Committee appointed to consider the plans for, and inaugurate the University of Denver, at his residence, tomorrow (Saturday) evening, 26th inst, at 7.30 o'clock.

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Trinidad, Colorado,

September 25th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Yours of 22d just received. I am a thousand times obliged for the accompanying check, and other kindnesses which I have received from you. I inclose a letter to I have no half fare permit over the D. and

I will be very glad to accept your offer to procure us half fare from Denver to Saint Louis.

I had already decided to leave here about the 12th or 13th, so that we can be in Denver the 16th or 17th, and also have the pleasure of travelling with yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

I hope we will be able to send a good man to this place. The new M.E. appointee came last week and preached last Sabbath.

He is not very strong and our Congregation can have the sway of the town still. The right man can soon build up a good Congregation here.

In haste and truly,

E.F.Robb.

P.S. Have just received a half fare permit from Las Animas to Kansas City over the K.P., having asked for a permit over the whole road during rest of '74. It does not fully answer my purpose and would be obliged if you can secure half fare as you suggested from Denver to Saint Louis. The permit is for both, as I suppose also would be the one you procured.

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Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory.  
September 28th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson

Will start for the East next week, to raise two thousand dollars for our church.

Please prepare me some short, pointed facts with regard to the needs of the Home field etc, etc.

Hope to see you in Denver about the 6th, prox.

W.E.Reed.

Nebraska.  
September 28, 1874.

My friend:-

For about three months past, I have been thinking seriously of writing to you about a scandalous affair affecting the interests of evangelical religion. The place is no other than Evanston Wyoming Territory, and the denomination immediately concerned is no less than the Presbyterian.

About that long ago, I received a letter from our friend Mr. P.H.Tooley in which he informed me that "The Mormons were using our house of worship." It was very unpleasant information to me and I plainly told him in my reply, that I would rather have heard that the building had been burned to ashes." I have received no answer as yet to my letter; but hoped to hear before this time that something had been done to exclude the polygamous and to prevent them from preaching their vile heresy within a Presbyterian church building. Excuse me for mentioning the matter; but both of us are more or less affected by this disgraceful business. I am sure you are no more willing that our Church property should be thus occupied than I myself am willing. I was willing to suppose that the account was either untrue or else that you really were not aware of the fact. I believe it would be better to rent it for a hog-pen than to rent it to Mormons. But I will say no more. I receive your welcome paper "Presbyterian Home Missions," regularly I believe. If at any time you could spare a few copies, I would be glad to distribute them among my people here; and would try to get you some subscribers.

Please excuse me for omitting the prefix "Rev." to your name. I have given much thought to the subject of this kind of use of the word reverend; and am persuaded that there is no creature, whether human or angelic, that is or even can be worthy of such a distinguishing title. I do not any more address any minister, as is usually done; neither do I wish to have the prefix "Rev.," to my name. I do all I can to prevent all persons from thus addressing me. I always felt personally unworthy to receive this title myself; but now, conscientious scruples forbid me conceding to any creature, a right to such a title. "Holy and reverend is (God's) name":



Psalm III:9. Please do not prefix (nor affix) "Rev." to my name any more. I have thought it no more that right that you should have an explanation from me to yourself for omitting this prefix in addressing you. I very much desire to explain myself; for I would have you to know, that my omission of it does not proceed from want of proper respect for yourself. No, for I shall not allow any person to exceed me in manifesting (and Dei in possessing) a proper regard for all of our Heavenly Master's faithful servants. But, I feel assured that you would not have altogether misunderstood me without this explanation; for I remember having mentioned the subject to you, as regards myself, during my first trip with you from Evanston to Green River. but, it is now 11.06 p.m. I must close up. Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson, and your children, and all my friends. Believe me ever

Your friend,

Frederick B. Welty.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson, Supt. P.H.M.  
Denver, Colorado.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

September 29, 1874.

My dear Brother Jackson:

Arrived home safely Saturday night. Good congregation Sunday. Work about all down on and in Church. Except putting in pews, glass etc, which were shipped last week, the 23, from Chicago. Took up collection for my synodical expenses Sunday which amounted to \$45.

Brother Thompson wrote me to know definitely what I said about your services. not being needed in Utah as he did not wish to use my name with the Board, until he was sure of not misrepresenting me. I wrote him back and blowed him up - told him I thought he ought to be willing to give it up after being so handsomely outvoted in Synod. I told him if that was his next move to write privately to the Board, I would do the same, that I was bound now that you should not be misrepresented." Accompanyingly I wrote Dr. Dickson to day.

I am feeling quite well now.

Kind regards to all the friends. Mrs. are both complaining. Hoping to see you by the 9 or 10, I am

Your Brother in Christ,  
Josiah Welch.

P.S. I send list of names for Mr. Folsom, with regards.



17 Clinton Place, Rochester.  
September 29, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Dear Sir:

I have just laid down the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" of October with a feeling of surprise after reading the following statement: "the same kind of a man is needed for Santa Fe, the Capital of New Mexico. The Board have sought for months for a suitable man in vain."

The Ladies Missionary Society of our church are hard at work, as they suppose for Reverend John Anderson, Missionary at Santa Fe, commissioned by the Home Board last spring. (Brick church, Dr. Shaw, Pastor)

I wrote Mr. Anderson in their behalf in May, but receiving no answer, wrote to Mrs. Graham, President of Ladies Board of (with which we are connected) for information. She sent me a letter from Dr. Dickson, July 17th, saying "We suppose Reverend John E. Anderson is in Santa Fe. We have not heard of his arrival but attribute the delay of letters from him to the Indian troubles in New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado. The mails have undoubtedly been much interrupted and perhaps some destroyed."

I then (in July) wrote again to Mr. Anderson and no response.

As you are located in that region you may have information not yet received in New York, or at all events you must be in possession of facts of which our society are in ignorance.

Our Ladies are supporting a Missionary in China but they have always had a decided preference for Home Missions and have hitherto been in frequent correspondence with this Missionary and on their account I am extremely anxious to get all the information possible from the Mission at Santa Fe.

If Mr. Anderson is not there, is there any prospect of establishing a Mission in that field. Any suggestions from one so well acquainted with that far off region would be thankfully received.

May I ask the favor of an immediate answer. I do not like to add to the burdens of any clergyman but if you can write soon you will greatly oblige

Yours sincerely

Mrs. J.B. Shaw.

In behalf of the Ladies Missionary Society.

Georgetown, Colorado.

September 30, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Enclosed please find the printed circular from DH. Mitchell. He has had 100 printed and sent a large number of them through the post to parties in town here. The

Mrs. E. V. Triebel



no. I send you was directed to Professor Weiser who gave it to me for you.

With most of them was a written statement of the donations of individuals, and of the 2 Elders and 4 Trustees, 4 were credited with small donations less than 1/4 of their gift and 2 with nothing who have given \$150, thus falsifying the facts and apparently intending to convey a false impression. Mr. Mitchell has begun his attack on Brother Gage and my conviction is he will unseat him. I do deeply deplore that the cause of the Master and our poor afflicted Church must continue to suffer the afflictions of his malice. But God reigns.

Yours lovingly in Christ,  
T.M.Oviatt.

We expect to leave in 2 or 3 weeks for the Coast. Thanks for the package of Occident.

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Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Penn.

My dear Mr. Rondthaler,

Enclosed please find my check for \$200. which I beg you to forward to Reverend D.E.Finks, Fairplay, Colorado to be applied towards paying off the debt on his Church. One hundred is my donation and the other one is what would have been spent for my dear boy's birthday, Oct. 11th, had he been on earth with us.

Yours affectionately,  
D.B.Coleman.

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D.E.Finks, Fairplay

228 North St.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.  
October 1st, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Esteemed friend,

I have been requested by our little Mission Board and by "Happy Hearts" to ask you to send them the name of a Minister's family, that has little children in it needing clothing this winter; or, if you do know a family of this kind, if there is a Sunday School under Missionary Care and control needing clothing to be given out by our Missionaries, then name it to them.

Our band of "Happy Hearts," is composed of little girls none of them over 14 years old. They have raised over one hundred dollars (\$100.) this year; have undertaken the education of a little girl in India in one of our Mission Schools, in the care of the "Woman's Work for Woman" Mission Society, with one half of their money, say fifty dollars (50.00) - the other half (about sixty dollars (\$60.)) or rather more than half they want to expend in Home Mission Work, particularly,



for children of Missionary families, or schools.

We will be much obliged to you if you will put us in communication with some sick family or school as soon as convenient, they would like to have their box sent off soon, so as to reach its destination by Thanksgiving.

Last year our ladies sent a very fine box to a Missionary who was a native of our own State, laboring in Minn. This year they think of sending to Duluth, but have not quite determined on it. No doubt, there is great need, and will be a great deal of suffering. We wish we could do more than we do.

Our "Happy Hearts" is a mission band belonging to the 3rd Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis.

We remember with pleasure your short stay with us, while you were in our own city and would be pleased to see you again. Mr. Todd and my sister, Miss McLean desire to be kindly remembered to you.

Hoping soon to hear from you, I remain your

Sincere friend,

M.M.Todd.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson.

Please direct to Mrs. Chas. N. Todd.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

23 Centre St., New York.

October 2, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

We have sent you a package of Home Mission material by mail which you have probably received.

There are several matters to which we want to call attention.

1. Gillespie of Corinne says the people at Evanston do not pay enough to cover travelling expenses. I doubt if he ought to go and leave Corinne destitute meanwhile. What do you think about it?

2. Welch must come East. We have given him his choice to call Marshall or Curtiss of Kansas to take his place.

3. Some friends of Hamilton at Pueblo sent him from Elizabeth, New Jersey \$100 a few days ago.

4. We hold Teitsworth's case over for advisement. We do not consider it wise for him to go to Idaho Springs for his second field. For the winter at least the two Gages between them can surely supply Idaho. Nor do we propose to pay Teitsworth's back debts.

5. That introduces the topic introduced by the enclosed letter of Dr. Coe. You have seen the paper the two Boards have adopted on Denominational Comity." We propose to act on it in good faith and it will not be good policy to oppose it or be cool towards it. If the Congregationalists are quick to see and point out the cases that make for us, you have on-



ly to find out and pass on their attention those cases that make for us. If Longmont and Greeley are a fair offset push it in good faith. Then, Georgetown and Cheyenne and Boulder and Pueblo, etc., are to be considered and even Central.

Set the negotiations be fair and even-handed. We can both do better with fewer churches if they are stronger than we can now and this time of pressure for money is a good time to press the case. I wish you would give me a synopsis of the aspect of the various fields when both churches exist in Colorado.

If Curtis does not go to Salt Lake, he will go to Santa Fe, unless young Smith from Baltimore goes.

Dont fail to make a new deal with Teitsworth and let us know.

I am very happy to be back at work again.

Dr. D. is West. Eaton spending vacation in Maine.

Boyd sick with bilious fever and John and I monarch of all we survey.

Yours truly,  
H.Kendall.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

23 Centre St., New York.

October 5, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your full letter came this morning I had answered a part of it Saturday.

As to the article on "Trespassing" ec, I like it pretty well. But some of it is not true and does not put matters in a right light. The facts are hardly as he states them and the remedy is worthless. For instance, did our sending 5 or 6 young men into Kansas keep the Congregationalists out? Not a bit of it. It only makes the more eager to come in.

Besides if you will exercise an Editor's prerogative and alter and cut out to make it fit the facts, it might be well to print it for it has some good thoughts. But his main positions you see are hardly in accord with the fact in the case. Cut and change freely as all Editors do!

Yours truly,  
H.Kendall.

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Laramie

Pueblo, Colorado.

October 7, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson

I received a unanimous call to Laramie, Wy., and shall probably accept. Had a good time. I will stay over a train and stay with the Committee.

I think the Board will approve the nomination.



Yours truly,  
W.E.Hamilton.

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Helena, Montana.

October 8th, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Your kind note was duly received.

No reply to my last letter home has been received and I am waiting for more definite information. It would be injurious to the cause here to leave even for a few months under the present circumstances.

The walls of the Church are almost up to the full height and the roof will probably be on within two weeks; vigorous exertion must be made to secure funds for full payment of our debts and my constant presence is almost a necessity. Unless my sisters' health imperatively requires a change it would be by all means advisable to remain during the winter.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and best wishes for your own prosperity.

Yours truly,

W.C.Rommel.

P.S. What does the Board require of us? Brother Russell I presume might preach for us at least once perhaps twice a month.

A letter just received from home says the Dr. advises to remain at home.

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Iowa City, Iowa.

October 9, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

It is still a matter of great regret with me that I came away without the pleasure of a visit with you and of bidding you and your family good-bye.

After the closing of Synod, I hastened to the Fair ground, and afterward I had to fulfill a promise to call upon Mr. Stewart and his wife, who wanted to see me in reference to her mother. I had still intended calling on you and started for your home after leaving Judge Blackburn's but find that it was growing too late to make even a "call."

I hope this will appear a sufficient apology for my coming away without seeing you whom I have been accustomed to regard as one of my kindest and best friends.

I arrived home safely and expect to spend the winter among my friends, preaching occasionally as the opportunity may offer.

My wish is to find a permanent location somewhere soon. And I ask your prayers that I may be led in the of God to that for which I may be best adapted.

If I could at all afford it, I should be glad to subscribe to the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian and hope you may



find it convenient to send me an occasional copy of the Monthly issue.

I feel and always will feel a deep interest in the cause of \_\_\_\_\_ and I hope and pray that you may be abundantly \_\_\_\_\_ in your arduous and laborious work for the Master.

With kindest regards to all the members of your family,  
I remain \_\_\_\_\_ Your humble fellow servant in Christ,  
J.R.Schell.

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Cedar Rapids, Iowa.  
October 12th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
My dear Brother,

Your letter of the 5th of May last reached me at a time when I was laboring under great anxiety of mind. I had just returned with my invalid wife from the South where I had been for two months. She was benefitted somewhat by the change but soon began to decline again and there was but little hope of her recovery. It was thought best that I should take her East among her friends and spend the summer months in the mountains of New Hampshire. I had a great deal to do and was run down a good deal by care and anxiety. We left in June and have been at home only a few days. I am glad to say that though a part of the time Mrs. C. was very low and I despaired of ever bringing her back to Iowa, she at last began to improve and is very much better than when I left home. I find your letter on my table and I fear it has never been answered. I had intended to write you and I do not even know but I did, I can find no record of it and I fear I have not. I trust you will pardon my neglect if I did not write, on account of the peculiarly trying circumstances under which I have been placed. Of course it is now too late to make any report of the Mission work in Iowa for January paper. I regret it, but so the Lord has led me.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson,

Very truly yours,

George R. Carroll.

Mrs. Carroll is still feeble and coughs badly.

G.R.C.

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Monday 12th October.

I shall not think of leaving unless something new develops within ten days. I do not intimate any thoughts of going to anyone.

Will probably hold till Spring at all events. Mr. Stewart has not yet returned. Don't know when he may do so.



Expect my wife any time - she is waiting for company.  
Can I bring her to your house; and remain over Sabbath if desired? Congregation and Sabbath School growing again.

John L. Gage.

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West Las Animas, Colorado.  
October 12, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

On account of the sickness of my wife and little boy, I have been unable to make any inquiries with regard to an appointment for you until this morning. I find that the time for next Sabbath is pretty well taken up. The Methodists hold their quarterly meeting here that day; and the Southern Methodist Presiding Elder is also expected here

I spoke with Mr. Bowman about it and he concluded that if you could put off coming for a week or two it would perhaps be better. But if it is not convenient for you to come at any other time we will make an appointment for you at some hour between the other services. Notice could be given at the Morning service if you concluded to come next Sabbath or if we get word from you in time will have notice put in the Leader.

Yours very truly,  
George Peck.

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Oakdale Station, Pa.,  
October 14, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Brother:

I have often thought of writing to you making some explanation asking some questions, etc., etc., but have been busy with some other things. Allow me now to correct one mistake of which Brother informed me. He tells me that in his conversations with you at St. Louis you told him you had heard and I think through Mrs. Stewart that I had had hemorrhage of the lungs and would probably have to quit preaching or something to that effect.

How such a thing originated I know not; there is not a grain of truth in it.

I have done more preaching this summer than any previous summer and am still in the enjoyment of a very presentable degree of health, have passed medical examination and had my life insured - which I could not have done had I been an invalid. Besides Mrs. C. tho not well yet has been in such health that I could have gone to suitable field at almost any time.

But my main object in writing at this time is to write about a little thing which I would like to develop into a



big thing. A little boy in my Sabbath School died - name Willie Clarke. He had saved pennies etc., to the amount of \$2.50. By his own and his godly father's and mother's act it was consecrated to the Lord and intrusted to my care. Now I would like to make it the foundation of a "Willie Clarke Memorial Church." Cant it be done? If you think so I will send it to you in the little old-fashioned bag, so that in your appeals you may present it just as the little boy left it, containing his earthly all. Whenever you feel disposed to undertake it I will add \$5.00.

Tell me how to send it and let us consecrate it anew by prayer and see what the Lord can do by so young a servant (7 years old) and so small an offering.

No doubt you get the idea intended in the above - you travel a great deal - just take this sacred treasure with you present it wherever you can to individuals or congregations tell the simple story with comments and ask for additional contribution to build a church on that foundation, who knows but that a dozen or fifty mission churches might be built on that same foundation.

Hoping that God may at last "administer to you an abundant entrance into his everlasting Kingdom." I remain

Yours in Christ,

Direct

M.N. Cornelius

Oakdale Station

Alleghany Co., Pa.

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
October 14, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The trustees of the Church here say that they cant promise more than \$430.00 (Four hundred and thirty) on the part of the Church for another year.

It is a critical time I think with the Church. I hope the Lord will give me light as to the path of duty. Do you think the Board ought to be asked to do any more than they have done? Or will they likely do as much this year as last? The position here is in many respects a trying one, but I dont want to take the responsibility of leaving the Church.

I told the trustees yesterday that I wouldn't make any special terms with them. They might go on and raise me what they could and I would stay with the Church as long as my conviction of duty remained as they now do here.

Let me ask you however. Do you know anything about the Church at Lincoln, Nebraska. In your judgment would I be any more useful there than here?

I have personally no desire to go there or anywhere else just now if I can be sustained here.

I would very much rather stay here until the Lord opens up the way to some larger field where I could make something



of a permanent home. Whether that is possible in these days of change, I don't know. I am contented to stay in this little church now because I am here and I trust doing good. I would not be willing to leave here (unless Providence plainly pointed the way) to go to another small church.

Well, let me hear from you soon.

Your brother in Christ,  
J.G. Lowrie.

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Laramie Notes.

October 17th, 1874.

Reverend H.L. Arnold preached his 1st Sermon at Laramie on the last Sabbath of July, 1871 and his last August 31st, 1874, leaving the place, September 3rd, 1874.

Reverend William E. Hamilton arrived Saturday, October 17th, 1874 and commenced work. He had previously preached September 27th and October 4.

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Denver, Colorado.

October 17th, 1874.

Reverend Doctor Kavanaugh,  
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of introducing to your acquaintance Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D., of this place. He is the Editor of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" and Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions and a worthy and influential citizen.

Any attentions you may be pleased to give him will be worthily bestowed and may be charged to your account of civilities against me.

Fraternally your old neighbor  
and brother,  
John Evans.

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Denver, Colorado.

October 17th, 1874.

President Board of Trade,  
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The bearer, Reverend Sheldon Jackson is Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions and Editor of the "Presbyterian of the Rocky Mountains" visiting Texas on a tour of observation as to Railroad, Commercial, moral and religious interests. He is a gentleman of large influence and a very worthy man. Any attentions you may be able to



show him will be worthily bestowed and thankfully received  
and will confer a favor on your

Obedient servant,  
John Evans.

Colfax, Colorado.  
October 19th, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I thought as a few of us were making an effort to start a Mission Sabbath School, I would write to you asking your assistance. The Episcopalians made the start and there are several Presbyterian families and Methodists too. We organized and I think our prospects are encouraging - we have had two meetings, most of those attending are very poor. Our friends we find will be very few. Bishop Spaulding is going to assist us. Can you send us a few Testaments (Several families are destitute of God's word) or any books or papers; anything to interest a Sabbath School will be acceptable. We rejoice to know we are permitted to assemble ourselves for God's worship once more. We have over twenty children thus far and over a dozen of grown persons. Oh Mr. Jackson there is a great Mission field here and no Missionary. Why is it? Hoping to hear from you in some way soon, I remain

Your friend,  
Mrs.

A very little help will be thankfully received. There has never been a Presbyterian Minister come to the valley purposely to preach since we are here, over a year. Mr. Bell came in visiting School; (as he is County Superintendent) and preached where he stopped. Scarcely anyone knew of the service. And this only twice.

Fort Defiance, A.T.  
October 21, 1874.

Brother Jackson,

A letter received last mail from Doctor Lowrie states that an appointment has already been made for Santa Fe. Brother Menaul will therefore remain here for the present but wishes me to state to you that he holds himself in readiness to occupy any field where the Providence of God may seem to direct him.

Professor Friese and myself have established and are maintaining an interesting Sabbath school for these Navajo Indians. Perhaps it is the only one of the kind in all this extensive territory of Arizona.

Yours fraternally,  
W.B. Truax.



Hamilton, Montana.

October 22, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

You asked me to write to you after we should have become settled in our new home. We do not feel that we have become strangers in although it seems best for us to remove from there for our residence. I preach at every 3rd Sabbath of each month. Our brethren of the Methodist Church giving us the use of their new Church for our services.

This is as often as we can expect them to give up their house of worship to us. fellowship has been very kind and fraternal as congregations the past year - the Methodist brethren endeavor to come out to our services as well as their own and the same is reciprocated by the Presbyterian element and thus our Congregations are better than they otherwise would be and at present this seems the best course of procedure. I preach now at six stations regularly and occasionally at three or four others. I am thankful to God who has enabled me to continue my labors here. My health is good for me and I hope to be permitted to preach with comfort during the winter. I often feel exhausted by my rides and labors but I feel far happier than to be an idler in the vineyard. I would prefer much to be called from labor to my account than from idleness. "It is required of Stewards that they be found faithful," Divine Providence opened the place for our "Young Ladies School" this season. We had no school property in

We have had the rent of a room paid by the city and for the two past years, for the school. The "Hard times, changed circumstances of the community and consequent coolness of desire towards a distinctively Female school made it inexpedient to ask the same thing this year, and we felt discouraged. But the house we now occupy was offered to us, than town rent. It is just as good a base as that, and hence we came to it in order to keep up both departments of labor. Mrs. Crittenden proposed to assist our daughter in the school and with the assistance of a boarding pupil or pupils to manage the domestic department of our home and to take if need be - six pupils into the family. At present the School is composed of nine misses from 12 to 16 years (one only less in age) and a prospect of a few more.

We consider this the continuance of our effort for the establishment of a Female Seminary under Protestant Christian Guidance. This property is admirably calculated for such an enterprise. The location is "Central" in the Gallatin Valley - the site itself one of natural beauty and the buildings are a good nucleus around which to aggregate others, as the wants of the School might and would of course require. The 160 acres three miles from Hamilton Post Office on the stage road from Helena to on the route of the projected N.P.R.R. and thus accessible to all parts of the territory. Bishop Chase of the Protestant Episcopal Church was wise in his day to secure such locations for Church and



school enterprises. Such was "Robins Nest" - the home of a College and centre of Christian influences in Illinois, and such was Gambier the seat of "Kenyon" College in Ohio. Where are the 1000 who will be willing to pay \$25. each to buy this property to be managed by the Presbytery of Montana for school and church purposes - especially as the site of a "Female Seminary." Or can it be purchased in any other way? The Romanists can buy property and build houses for schools for both sexes. They have their "Sisters school" St. Vincent's Academy in Helena. And are now about building a house for a "boys' school" Must this effort of ours fail and there be no Protestant School for the reception of such girls as are now beginning to be found in the scattered families of our valleys, for whom a true Christian education ought to be provided? "The Ladies Board of Missions" and the "Ladies Union Mission School Association" have fostered this effort effectually for the past two years by paying towards its support, and will do so this year. They have bought a good piano-forte for the use of the school, and also procured the donation of School books from Henry Ivison. And both of these donations have done good service in the school. But the school ought not to be homeless. It ought to have some place to put its property, apparatus and equipments; and to which it can invite pupils by circular and catalogue. Of course, it cannot live, and grow - It cannot become a blessing by its faint and shadow - unless it have these things. Professor Stuart Lodge" contributes an article or letter to "The Field is the World" to the October numbers in which he says of the Beirut Female Seminary - a Mission school in Turkey - "I notice that needed improvements were slowly creeping over portions of the school building and that the apparatus for instruction was assuming somewhat more healthy proportions. You must not be surprised if occasional pleas for this object find their way across the ocean. An unequipped school is like a Knight without his armour or an Oriental bride without her dowry. Our school has not even the "School building" for needed improvements to "creep slowly over." We are in correspondence with the Societies which have been the chief fosterers of this movement and we do hope that they with other friends which God may raise up will put during this year this school under a roof of its own and in charge of the Presbytery of Montana as a good Trustee to take care of its interests. Let me hear from you.

Yours in Christian fellowship,  
L.B.Crittenden.



27 Clinton Place, Rochester.  
October 24, 1874.

Reverend Doctor Jackson,  
My Dear Sir:

I thank you for your kind prompt and satisfactory answer to my letter of enquiry and also for the second letter containing still further information.

My husband has just come and says "Tell him every time I think of him, I thank God for him," and then for explanation added "He is an indefatigable man - a perfect steamboat out there."

When you have ascertained that either of those men have actually gone to Santa Fe will you be kind enough to let me know, for then I can inform our ladies of Mr. Anderson's failure.

We have had discouragements in Mission work that have dampened their Missionary zeal and I do not like to add another too soon.

I should like to have your paper taken by our society and perhaps by and by be able to do something in that way.

Yours most truly,

Mrs. James B. Shaw.

Rev. James L. Merritt,  
Trinidad

Dunmore, October 26th, 1874.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,  
Dear Sir:

I am taking several religious papers and my children get Sunday School papers - after they are read we use them up - I would willingly send them to any person or School where they would do good if I knew who they were. A package of 6 or 8 papers would cost but a few cents to me and I would send them if I knew of any one that would accept them and read them. A great deal of the reading in a religious paper is new if the paper was a year old. Can you give me the address of several parties that would be glad to get such reading and I will send each one a package with a postal card with my address on it - so that I may know if they are received. I have read your letters in the "New York Evangelist" and I think you know where they will do the most good.

Yours truly,

W.B. Litchworth

Dunmore,

Luzerne Co,

Pa.



Fort Defiance via Fort Wingate,  
New Mexico.

Mrs. M.L. Sheafe,  
Dear Lady:

October 26th, 1874.

As the object of my education etc was not for the study or practice of medicine but for the ministry, I have lately been seeking another field of labor than that of Physician for the Navajo Indians.

Brother Sheldon Jackson "Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for Colorado, New Mexico etc" asks me if I will go to Albuquerque on the Rio Gran, between here and Santa Fe, as he thinks that the Ladies Board would support me. My answer is I am willing to go anywhere that God in His Providence may send me; and so am willing and ready to go to Albuquerque as soon as it is thought expedient by the proper parties to send me.

I write to you on this matter for two reasons. One is because I ever owe you a debt of love and gratitude for your past great favors to me, which I daily remember with thankfulnessto you and our common Lord. The other is, because you are deeply interested in this particular Mission Field, and ought to know the facts as they are.

A word in regard to my present work. 1st It is so uncertain one cannot feel safe for a month at a time. This, and other positions are at the good pleasure of so many, any-one of whom can discharge one to make room for another; friend or favorite. 2d There are no means of preaching to the Indians. There are no interpreters or provisions made for employing them either by the Board or the Government. The Agency interpreters either will not or are not here ec, ec

The field at Albuquerque is about as follows. The population of the town is about 2,000, and of the suburbs up and down the river for about 8 miles about 1600. Total 3,600 n nearly all Mexican. There are three Jesuit priests in the town, with whom the wealthier part of the people are dissatisfied and petitioned the Bishop in Santa Fe some time ago, to have them removed. He said he could not remove them; as they had bought the Diocese for a certain time. The Sabbath there as elsewhere, consists of "a cock fight first, then going to mass in the morning.

Cock-fighting and horse-racing in the afternoon. In the evening Bailes or dancing and drinking with all connected therewith till near the next morning." Judge Johnson is perhaps the only man in the community who professes to be religious. He is an Episcopalian. With this exception there is probably not one who cares anything for true religion, of course there are some devoted Roman Catholics.

Albuquerque is the centre, so to speak, of a large part of the population of this part of New Mexico; as it occupies a middle place in the first or Northern agricultural portion of the Rio Grande. The land is much like the Mississippi bottoms; of the richest kind but produces only by irrigation



Yet the people are very poor as are indeed all ignorant Priest ridden people wherever found. If a Mission could be successfully carried on at Albuquerque it would effect for good a great part of this Rio Grande valley, and prepare in a great measure the people for receiving Christianization and civilization, when brought here by Eastern enterprise and Railroads. If the Society thinks that it is God's will that it should send me there, I would need a man, at least part of the time, for a year as Spanish Teacher and interpreter, in which time I would hope to be able to preach in Spanish.

I have given you about all the particulars of the place; so that if you as a society having a fair view of the field may do what you think is right and acceptable in God's sight. And I pray that you all may have God's spirit and grace to do just what he would have you and me do in this matter: that we may work alone for his honor and glory in the salvation of our own souls and of those with whom we are entrusted.

Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

Your servant in Christ,  
John Menaul.

Corinne, Utah.

October 27, 1903.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.A.,

Dear Brother:

Corinne is picking up like a lean old ox in springtime. More business than ever and building and resident families increasing. Property has come up within a month to nearly former prices and Congregation more than doubled since we were at Salt Lake. But Evenston is a hard field. I have to pay out about \$10.00 every time I go there. Mr Tooley besides partly entertaining has given me the only money received. Yet he declines to act in begging as he calls it and Mrs. Tooley is too feeble. If you cant stir them up I think we will have to wait awhile. Three resident ministers there now and no other here. I would have a full house here, and pay out \$10.00 to get a slim house accorded poor fare - leaving my wife alone.

Corinne is now open to us and I think will pay \$400. for all my time if the Board will agree to it and leave my appropriation as it is \$700.

Please let me hear from you before I pay out another \$10 to preach to a dozen a hundred miles away.

Yours etc.,

S.S.Gillespie.



Fort Defiance via Fort Wingate, New Mexico.  
October 27th, 1874.

Doctor Jackson, Denver, Colorado:  
Reverend and dear Friend:

I herewith enclose you a copy of a letter to Mrs. Sheafe, which will explain itself as regards my going to Albuquerque. Mrs. Sheafe is connected with the Ladies Board. She is very wealthy and can easily support me at Albuquerque if she only feels that she ought to do so. She gave me my education from first to last (I of course doing what I could) and my outfit to go to Africa; and for anything I know kept me in Africa. So you see the importance of my writing to her privately (as it were). You can send this copy of the letter to the presiding Officer etc. of the Society if you think well of it, and take such other steps as are necessary, keeping me posted at the same time.

Much love to you all.

Your servant in Christ,  
John Menaul.

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Fairplay, October 29, 1874.

Box received by Express. So you need not trouble yourself about it more.

Was quite sick last week but am getting up strong again and ready to work about next week.

Love to all.

D.E.Finks.

Shall probably get more books of Wells Church.

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Las Vegas, New Mexico,  
October 31, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Can you give me any information as to the condition of the Board of Home Missions at this time. Do you know whether all the brethren are suffering as I am. The salary that was due me on the 1st July reached me on the 1st of September. I was reduced to very great straits and perplexity. I wrote two or three or four times and telegraphed once and received not a word of response until the salary came. The old Board of Home Missions used to drop us a note stating that they could not etc but would just as soon as possible. My salary was due again on the 1st inst, and I do not get a syllable from anybody though I have written urgently to Doctor Dickson soliciting some notice at least. Are all the brethren treated so. It would seem that a corresponding Secretary ought to be able to drop a Missionary a word or two in response to at least some of his earnest calls for help. I hardly dare write again to the Board



though I am in very great need.

We are all pretty well and all join in very kind regards to you and yours.

Your Brother,  
I.A. Annin.

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West Las Animas, Colorado,  
November 1874.

# PETITION FOR A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

We the Undersigned, members in good and regular standing in Evangelical Churches (or wishing to make a public profession of our faith in Christ) residents of West Las Animas and vicinity, in order to secure for ourselves and others the privileges of a preached gospel, would earnestly request Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D., Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for the Territories to organize us into a Presbyterian Church.

And when so organized we do hereby request to be taken under the care of the Presbytery of Colorado and supplied with regular preaching.

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| Names            | 11 | Former Church Connection |
| Henry King       | 11 | 1st Church, Kansas City  |
| Sarah C. Kellogg | 11 | "                        |
| Margaret Barnes  | 11 | Westport, Mo.            |
| Eliza F. Jones   | 11 | "                        |
| Peter G. Scott   | 11 | Canada Presb. Church     |

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Reverend S.L. Gillespie West Chester, Nov. 2, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Brother:

I have just been reading your paper in which so much is said of our home missionaries and all the want they must necessarily suffer on account of their restricted means. You seem to think it is best to send our contributions direct to the Home Board as they will know how best to distribute it. I have but little at my command, now, to give, but the trifle I could spare I should not wish to go to make up the sum the Board has already promised but rather to make up the deficiency to some poor suffering family. I could send a trifle at once if I knew of any family who were in need, that I could designate to the Board. Could you designate such an one to me? I have lost all hold on Mrs. McConkey, because of my husband's having taken a case



against her and gained it in court. It is not common for such things to separate families but Mrs. McConkey is so fond of money she cannot look over such a thing. It made me sad for a time, but I have come to look upon it as coming under the notice of our Father.

The Church here are busily engaged in repairing their building. While some repairs were very necessary, I think they are doing a great deal which was not necessary. They are talking of going still farther, and removing all the windows and making new sashes, and putting in stained glass. I regret it very much. West Chester is a plain place, and it will not as in some places, draw a different class of people under the sound of the Gospel. I may be mistaken, but I greatly fear it will prevent a whole souled Mission work this year. I am told the cost of the improvements will be five thousand. West Chester People have never been famed for their generosity and I fear this debt will weigh heavily upon them. Mr. Jones urged it very much and as they all like him they have gradually gone on from step to step. He is a lovely Christian very earnest in his work. It is only when I think of how little money it takes to help a little Church to help itself, as at Fairplay, I cannot help regretting the step was taken just now. I am surely the last one who ought to complain as I have not given one cent. I could not do it, and do anything for Missions this fall. It has been an unpopular step but it was necessary one for me to take, under the circumstances. My husband was raised a Quaker and does not see the importance of Missions, and so I never ask him to pay anything for them. I was speaking to him today of the probability of your coming here to speak on the subject of Missions. He at once told me to ask you to make your home with us, unless you can do more good by going elsewhere. You will understand the invitation is extended and we shall be glad to have you. My general health is better and I feel stronger. A recent examination discovers the main artery of the heart to be ossified, also the left carotid artery. This added to the dilatation of the heart makes great uneasiness in my poor chest, and head, which I do not often speak to any one unless forced to. By careful moving about and constant watching my life is made comparatively comfortable. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible if you know of any one in need, and I will send my mite to the Board.

In Christian love,

Yours,

P.A.Lewis.

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Evenston, W.T.,

November 2, 1874

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear brother:

I have taken the liberty of addressing you to inform you how we are getting along as I think you may have trials to contend with. Well to begin I think Brother Gillespie a very good Christian man and whenever he is here we attend his church and he is a welcome visitor at our home. I know he is not what people call a star preacher but what is that compared to a true Christian minister for his every day life makes up what he fails to impress in the pulpit. I have heard others express themselves in the same words. I hope he may be the instrument of doing much good among us.

Secondly, we are to have a minister on the tenth of this month sent from St. Louis by the Home Mission Society. I do not know anything about him but I trust he will be a good Christian and the Lord will do the rest. We have rented a furnished house for him as he has a wife. There is also an Episcopal and a Methodist minister here, so you see we have enough to take this city for Christ but we need to put our own houses in order and then I trust God will come down and revive His work. Pray for us who are mourning over the want of spirituality. My husband joins in kind regards and we sincerely wish you success in all your undertaking and when we are done with this life we may meet above.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. O.H. Cossby.

Colorado Springs,

November 3, 1874.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

I address this to you because I fear Dr. J. may be away from home. We want to introduce the new Hymnal into our church - are to have a meeting for this purpose next Sabbath. Can Mr. Jackson spare us the set that he has of sample copies? If so please send them at once by express to Mr. Edmund Mills, Colorado Springs and I will bring them back when I come up to Gage's wedding. It would quite an advantage for us to have them next Sabbath. If Mr. Jackson is not at Home, cant you get some one to attend to it for you? By the way I'll drop a postal to my brother to see you about the matter.

You will rejoice with me when you learn that things were never brighter for our church than they are now - The darkest hour is always before dawn. Since my return I have crowded houses - My salary up to October 1st has been entirely paid. We have adopted the envelope system and the people take hold of it eagerly. The trustees unanimously agreed to pledge \$900.00 for the coming year and to make it \$1000. if they



could. We have only lost three members by the Congregational movement, and as we took in just that number on Sunday last we are even again. We have now got everything reduced to system and are ready for the spiritual blessing.

Tell the Doctor I won't need any money from that Rochester church, but if they intend sending a box, I'd like to know about it as soon as he knows. My best black is hardly fit for the wedding!

Excuse haste and paper.

Affectionately,  
J.R. Lowrie.

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Longmont, Colorado.  
November 4, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

You made the remark to me that we could have a dozen boxes should we desire. We have heard from Cazenovia. They say they are an infant Society and cannot meet all our wants. Mrs. Teitsworth requests me therefore to write you for another box. You are aware that this will be our hardest year and if it continues long to be as hard on us as the past six months, we will be driven most completely against the wall.

It is now nearly three months since our arrival in the Territory and as yet no commission. The people of Idaho were sadly distressed because of the change. Better that I had never gone there. Elder Ross said they had lost faith in the name Presbyterian. He said that he thought seriously of leaving the Church. His letter was a very sad one. I folded and sent it forward to our rooms at New York. Concluded that Doctor ought to see it to know how the people feel.

Spent last Sabbath as the first at Caribou. Preached at Caribou in the morning and at Nederland in the afternoon. Spent two days there visiting and preaching from house to house. This kind of preaxhing has been sadly neglected and it is the very work that ought above all others that ought to be done.

The Caribou people have pledged themselves for \$400. and Nederland for \$50. making in all from this part of the field \$450. Longmont is pledged for \$200. The whole field for \$650. And in the application from Caribou, I have asked for an increase of salary. I have asked for \$1400. instead of \$1200. If our salary be fixed at the latter instead of the former figure, we will have ourselves to pay at least \$200 for the privilege of preaching the Gospel to this field.

Please do what you can for us. When we first came here we did not know what we do now about costs. Our eyes are now fully open to the situation of things.

I learn that the Congregationalists at Central appointed a committee to meet with our committee and consult about



consolidation. Anderson is wholly in favor of giving up Greely for Longmont. So far as I am able to judge, I too think it just. Greely, as I understand it, is Congregational ground.

Faithfully and fraternally,  
W.P. Teitsworth.

Idaho Springs.

November 7, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

We all feel very much aggrieved at the manner in which we have been treated. We have been deceived 3 times this summer so that this people have about lost confidence in Colorado Presbyterianism we are not all children that we should be subjected to child's play for it is nothing more. if Brother Teitsworth had bin let alone he would have done more good hear than any one ever has every body liked him, the Gages know nothing of the arrangements no we have talked the matter all over among ourselves and have come to the conclusion that if we cant have some arrangements made that has some dependance in we dont want any for it does us more harm than good we dont know what we have done to put us beneath the notice of the board twice we have aplied for less than half of what we have received hear before, and bin refused and treated contemptibly becides and we propose now to let them go thare own way and we will go ours what fiew we have are thuraly Presbyterian and can be nothing els but if we cant have a Presbyterian to preach for un we will take a sethodist or any one else we can get for we dont intend to be cast of intierly we have made arrangements with the methodist minister to preach for us untill we can do better rite soon

love to all the family

Yours in Christ,  
W.A. Ross.

Pueblo, Colorado

Sabbath evening, Novem. 8!

Pueblo

B.H.M.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Since the departure of our late Pastor, Reverend W.E. Hamilton, about a month since, I have been intending to write to you concerning our church, but owing to a great pressure of outside business have been compelled to postpone that duty from time to time; but as my conscience will not admit of any further postponement I will write this evening.

As you are well aware, since Brother Hamilton left, we



have no pastor; and only had services in our church once since that time, through the kindness of a Baptist pastor. We are sorely in need of a good live, energetic Gospelpreacher, to minister to our spiritual wants and be the leader of our branch of Christ's church. Do you know of any such that are free to choose a field in the Divine service? If you do please call their attention to this location. From what I hear the members say, it is not eloquence they so much desire as it is the Pastor; one that can do good Pastoral work, and put more work and life in the services of our weekly Prayer Meeting and Sabbath School than in the regular Sunday sermons. They reason from the point that if we have a good, interesting Sabbath School and Prayer meeting that the Sermons will be better appreciated and the numbers of our Congregation increased; and I think so myself. Our Prayer Meetings that have been from twenty to thirty now have an attendance from five to a dozen, while our Sabbath School that has had an average attendance from 70 to 95 now has from 30 to 50 - so you readily see we are going backward not even holding our own, with the prospect of losing still more ground if we don't soon get someone to attend to it.

If we had the kind of Pastor we want, the present prospects are very flattering to build up a large Prayer Meeting Sabbath School and Congregation to our regular Sabbath worship. Pueblo (not allowing for East and South Pueblo) now claiming a population from 2500 to 3000, only has one Preacher of Christ's Gospel working in the city. - Reverend Mr. Waltz of the M.E. Church. The Episcopal Church has services half the time - every other Sabbath - while our Baptist brethren have no services, being without a Pastor. I do not think we would have any trouble in having large Congregations with a live, wide-awake earnest minister.

Now in regard to Church finances. Our Sabbath School is clear of debt. We still owe Brother Hamilton for services as pastor \$80.05, and are behind about \$30. on our incidental expenses - in all about \$110. A Committee has been appointed to devise ways and means to pay this as soon as possible, so the next Pastor, when he comes, will not have any financial embarrassments to overcome. I think it will be safe to say our Church will be free of debt by Christmas, and it may be sooner. We will raise more money to repair it internally. Our membership now numbers about forty. It is true. times are hard and our membership poor in world's goods, but we are not content to hold back a dime or two and let matters go on as they are.

Pastors looking for a location will do well to come here. The members say however, they will give no one a call until he has been thoroughly tried, as they want no one that is not active and peculiarly fitted for the work here.

Mr. Hamilton was installed with a salary of \$2000 per annum. This we cannot raise, even if our Home Board of Missions gave us \$1000. From what I hear spoken by the



members I dont think they would be willing to install any Pastor at a salary over \$1200 . - positively not over \$1400 or \$1500 per annum, allowing what the Board gave us to be counted in.

The probabilities are our place will grow fast next year owing to the recent arrangemeny made with Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad to extend its line to this place, in whaich event, allowing our church to prosper, the amount of salary could be more easily raised and not so much expected from the Board as at present.

After all these facts in the case, dont you think we should take steps at once to procure this live, energetic pastor we so badly need, and be wide-awake in our Master's cause? With a leader we can do much; without one, will be to lose ground and become negligent in our Christian duty. We should be on the aggressive - not on the defensive.

One of our most respected citizens, a short time ago, handed me a letter to read from Reverend J.G. Patterson, of Fort Madison, Iowa, in which the latter gentleman said that he was coming to Pueblo to spend the Winter, on account of health, and would look for a field to labor in after his arrival here. The gentleman spoke very highly of Mr. P. as being an able, earnest Presbyterian minister, - a fine scholar and a good pastor. From his recommendations I am of the opinion Mr. Patterson would suit our people here. As you are Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions, in Colorado, will you please be kind enough to write to Mr. Patterson, and inform him that this field is vacant, for if it is his intention to come this winter, it might possibly be to his interest to come a little earlier than he otherwise would.

If you can conveniently it might be well for you to visit us, as many things could be talked over that time and space will not allow at present. Would be happy to have you stop with me when you come. But in the meantime, whether you come or not, it will not do any harm to inform Mr. Patterson of our vacancy.

This letter is not authorized by the church; I write it on my own responsibility, feeling a deep and earnest interest in the welfare of our Church, and its Sabbath School and Prayer meeting. A half-dozen members sopke to me to-day about getting a pastor. I think what I have written will meet the hearty approval of all the members.

Please let me hear from you.

Hoping all things will work to the good of our Vineyard, I remain

Your friend,

John C. Latshaw,  
Treasurer and Deacon, Pres. Church.

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Laramie City, Wyoming,  
November 9, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have written a note to Brother Mills relating to a called meeting of Presbytery for the purpose of dissolving the relation which I legally as yet sustain to the Church in Pueblo. I suppose there can be a quorum found in Denver. I presume it would be better to have this done before applying to the Board for aid to this field. I have not yet been to Rawlins but will go as soon as I get a pass on the Railroad for that purpose. I have found it hard to get a place to live and am not yet settled. I sometimes wish the fate of moving could be changed with the Churches for a short time and let them go and leave the minister behind. It might have a beneficial effect upon our light and frivolous membership and lead them to be less given to change. The church here is in full working order but in a very cold state. May the Lord revive His work.

Yours in the Gospel,  
William E. Hamilton.

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Central City

Pittsburgh, November 9, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Brother:

I enclose to your order a Draft for One Hundred dollars (\$100.) which you will please appropriate on my subscription of One Hundred and Fifty dollars TO THE church at Central City. The whole amount would have been such a demand upon me for help here and there that I had to bide my time. Our new Church enterprise in Harrisburg has needed all I could give - and lend also to get through.

The rest of my obligation will be forthcoming. I am here for a day attending a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary. The last I heard of Brother Norcross - Saturday - he was confined to his room with his eyes. Excuse haste.

Yours,  
T.H. Robinson.

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Longmont, Colorado.  
November 10, 1874.

Reverend E.P. Wells:

Dear Brother:

You are one of a Presbyterian Committee appointed to come to Longmont in conjunction with a Congregational Committee to look into church matters here and to consider if it would not be wise and for the glory of God if these two churches would unite under one pastorate.



As I understand these committees are both appointed and are both in Denver. Will you act at once? Please see the parties - Have a committee meeting there - fix upon a time for attending to this business at Longmont and let us know.

It seems to me that prompt action will be best for all parties concerned. Am sure it is just what I desire and I know it is just what Brother Williams desires. And my judgment is that it just what both churches desire.

If there are to be two churches here, let it be definitely understood. If only one, let that be definitely understood. Then each and all can shape work accordingly. Now all is uncertain. And you know what uncertain things are.

Faithfully and fraternally,  
W.P. Teitsworth.

Helena, Montana,  
November 16, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson:

My dear friend:

Your kind letter dated October 16, was received. Am sorry to hear of Bessie's illness. Hope she is quite strong again.

I like my new situation very much. It seems so good to be able to enjoy church privileges once more. We have a nice congregation and a splendid Sabbath School. It is the largest and most interesting school in Helena. The attendance average is one hundred and fifty each Sabbath. I have charge of the Infant Class. There are about forty belonging to it. I am doing the best I can with them but find that that is not much. Can't you or Mrs. Jackson give me some good methods for conducting it? I have been thinking I would get some simple Bible history and each Sabbath read to them a story from it. It would interest them and also be instructive. Do you know of some such book and can you tell me where I could procure it?

Our Church building is progressing rapidly. The building committee have about concluded to finish it this winter as it can be done much cheaper than it can be done in the spring.

We are now busy making preparations for a Thanksgiving dinner, Oyster supper, Tableaux and a concert. We expect to raise five hundred dollars at least. The ladies are very energetic here and anxious to do all they can to help pay for it.

The church at Deer Lodge is not finished. They are quite discouraged. It seems impossible to raise the money - they need about \$900. more. If they could raise \$400. the Board would give them \$500.

The people of Missoula are quite pleased with Miss Breck. She is doing a good work there but is quite discouraged, the wages are so low. She tried hard to get a situation here but

Mrs. E. V. Teitsworth



failed.

I do not get my paper regularly.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson and the little girls.

Respectfully yours,

P. Sims.

Please let me hear from you when it is convenient to write.

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Central City, Colorado,

November 17, 1874.

Brother Jackson:

I should have written to Mrs. Newkirk before this but she has not written me (suppose she did to you and so I know neither her name or number. Please send her full name and street. The Board have granted us \$1000.00 but no loan. I think we are safe now. We can handle the rest. I have been delaying Mr. Mills letter a week till we should hear from the Board of Church. Have answered it to-day. The case of Mrs. Butler's brother I will look up to-day and answer her. Dont fail to be present You and your wife, and Daisy and Bessie too, at our wedding on Thanks-giving day: 6 o'clock P.M.

Hastily yours,

H.B. Gage.

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Corinne, Utah,

November 17, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your favor of the 14th inst is at hand. Very glad to hear from you in regard to Evanston, especially as you emphasize the make-up of travelling expenses. Were I residing at Evanston there would be little difficulty in securing the lead of the patronage but with three resident ministers in such a small town their friends say I come a hundred miles to share the crumbs which might keep them from starvation. And whatever effort I put forth to secure a congregation is stealing from them. This is the popular effect which the Episcopalians try to produce. On our side, I have faithfully called upon our own members and adherents without missing any except in one or two instances. However since I received the church records I found two persons, whom I found after much inquiry, who had not been out since Mr. Cooper disgraced them by his own shameful conduct. The church needs careful nursing. It is like a sallow dyspeptic, crabbed and sour, and disgusted with themselves and everybody.

Mr. Tooley has been a little embarrassed and overworked in his business. Mr. Blythe is just starting with a Scotch lassie and has been to much expense in getting her. Mr. Crocker and Crawford are a little slow, but they are fitting up the house and will come around. As for Mr. Beeman, Tisdale,



North and others, they are better suited at the Episcopal Church which permits and sets example of the use of cards, wine and dancing.

But the real point is we lose more here than we can gain at Evanston by leaving the alternate Sabbaths without any service. It lets the people fall back into pleasure seeking or their ordinary business, and also induce the other Denominations to keep up their services, by sending a man here, which they would have little inducement for doing if we held regular services. Last Sabbath week I was detained from going to Evanston by the storm and want of money to pay my fare. It was Mr. Pierce's day here. We all went to hear him in the morning and I invited him to preach in our Church in the Evening. But he replied that he had distributed his cards and advertised his preaching, and everyone would expect and naturally go to the Methodist Church. "Very well, I hope you will not object to our having services in our church." "O no, you may if you like" implying by his tone and manner that you will have no one to hear you. We had three and a half times as many as he had, and his collection did not amount to a dollar. He had ten and we had thirty-five although raining.

We purchased all the clothing in England on our way home at about one half American price, that we will need this winter. If I could get my first quarter's salary now we would feel quite independent. Mr. Welch said you asked the Board for \$200. for Evanston and Corinne. My commission says \$1400. salary, one half from the people and one half from the Board, i.e. \$700. Corinne has promised \$300 (they would pay \$500 for all my time) Evanston \$400. Corinne will pay as they have done promptly, even in advance, but Evanston will cost from two hundred dollars instead of paying anything.

And the Board largely in debt and three to six months behind in her payments. So that we expect eight or nine hundred, and what more you may make up, as our salary. But this even would keep us if we had it promptly. \$100 now would be very acceptable for winter supplies. Cant you preach at Evanston in the morning Sabbath December 6th and come down to our communion in the evening at Corinne. Let me hear if possible at Evanston if you can reply on Friday.

Excuse this lengthy letter and believe me

Yours very truly,

S.S. Gillespie.

To The

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Gillespie is very thankful for your words of kindness to herself and the baby whom I am happy to say is "growing in stature and favor" ec. To the question of a box she says no unless you can get one filled with hams, sweet potatoes, flour and groceries. And I would not object to a few books, such as Hodge's Theology and Commentaries, Alexander's



Alford on the new Test Food for mind and body and enough money to pay travelling expenses and we can live this winter.

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St Louis, Missouri.

November 18, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Our synod unanimously endorsed the idea of a monthly paper and appointed a committee to proceed with publication as soon as "the way be clear."

To my mind it is becoming clearer - as you will see from

Brookes' paper is to be a monthly and will be of no use to us in our work.

I was over at Cincinnati last week and had a liberal offer from But I do not yet see, how to raise the means

The Interior offers a little better terms than the But they are so changeable up there that I scarcely know whether I can depend upon them. If the matter falls into my hands I will make it an 8 page - same as the Church" and probably call it "The St. Louis Evangelist." How does that strike you? Do you propose to continue your paper in same form and same plan as last year? And same publishers?

I would not wish to start with an edition of less than 3800. Dr. Hill does not go into the matter very enthusiastically, and I fear will be a weight to carry rather than a help.

Kansas City talks of a religious paper - Also Highland Kansas.

I feel greatly depressed on account of the condition of our Board. I have no heart to press out and open up new work.

Love to your family.

Yours,

J.W.Allen.

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Rochester, New York.

November 19, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

I sent, on the 17th inst, to Reverend J. G. Lowrie a check for \$50. We thought this would be acceptable to him, and better for us to send than clothing. The money however was the gift of two classes of young gentlemen in the Sunday School of Central Church sent through our Ladies Benevolent Society. This will I trust meet with your approbation as well as contribute to the comfort of Mr. Lowrie.

Yours,

Mrs. William Alling.

Fitzhugh St.



Reverend L.L. Gillespie,  
Evanston.

West Chester, Penn.  
November 20, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson:

Dear brother:

Your letter has just reached me. Last week I was very ill and thinking I might not live to get your letter and remembering what you told me, of Brother Finks having to borrow money last winter at such fearful interest, and knowing his great effort to get his church finished I he would perhaps be in worse straits this winter, so I sent him a draft for fifty dollars. After that came a letter from Reverend David R. Todd, Netawaka, Kansas, saying the board had taken \$100 from his salary, and that the Church grasshoppers, drought etc have swept away almost every thing in that part of the country, and they did not know which way to turn. Wife and children needing everything, cotton flannels etc. The church here concluded to make him a box, but Mrs. told me they could not get it done before March, or rather the ladies thought so. I made some offers of ready-made things but could not change their purpose, so I concluded to make up a small box of underwear, stockings etc. My dear friend, Mr. Dickson from city added some articles and my Methodist sister a little, and I sent it off yesterday on its way. And I sent with it twenty-five dollars in money Expressage is expensive to such parts. It was only a fraction of what they needed and the ladies will get the rest for the box. It was only to insure their not suffering with cold that I sent the articles I did. I should not speak of it, but I conclude from your last letter you wish to know what I send. You remember saying "if you send direct to Reverend Gillespie please let me know what you send," therefore I tell you what I have done since writing to you. No one here knows of my having sent a cent. I think Mr. knows of my sending some clothing, from the woman who sewed for me, but does not know what, nor do I wish it, as it might interfere with the box. Enclosed you will find a draft for fifty dollars for the person you mention. Though the sum is small I hope it will help him some. This money is some I had deposited with a Principal of a Boarding school to clothe a young girl, of great promise, whose father was a poor worthless man. He went to the school and took the child away, and refuses to let her return. Would have drawn the money if he could, but it was returned to me. So you see it is no new gift, and was long ago dedicated. It is only turned into another channel. Please let me know that this draft has been received as soon as you get it.

I am now as well as common for me to be. Still spared through another ill turn. If my life is spared I shall be glad to see you when the time comes for you to visit us.

Please do not forget to remember me in your prayers. You know what I desire most. It is to live in the honor and glory of my Heavenly Father while he spares me, and that "at



evening time there may be light."

Sincerely your friend,

P.A. Lewis.

P.S. I forgot to say that I do not have any objection to sending money to the Board. And do send my proportion in the Church collections always. I do prefer to send anything I can spare without hearing my name published. And when I know it is much needed. When I can do that in perfect confidence in the integrity of the one to whom I send it. It is more pleasant to me to do so. It is a satisfaction to know that it has gone where there is just at the time a pressing need which the Board could not supply without seeming partiality. I hope you did not intend to imply censure in what you said on that subject.

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Boulder, Colorado.,  
November 21, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Enclosed please find Post Office Order for \$5.50 sorry I have kept it so long from you. It is owing to the fact that my church building has occupied all my time. I have put every dollar of my own money I could raise in it and done all in my power to collect subscriptions but am compelled to stop work for want of money. It is my expectation to be at Presbytery 27 prox.

Yours fraternally,  
J.E. Anderson.

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Evenston, November 23, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson;

Dear Brother:

Your personal attention is called to this place.

There is such a tirade against so many pests of begging preachers being sent here that I can find no one to face the public opinion and take hold of our church matters. Yesterday was a stormy day and six religious services in the town. I had one in the morning and one in the evening.

There is some pastoral work also which I would refer to you because of its delicacy of which you may hear on your arrival. I have announced you for Sabbath week in the morning as I wrote .

Yours  
S. S. Gillespie

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Fairplay, Colorado.  
November 23, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:



Your letter received containing draft for 5 dollars. Previously you asked if Mrs. Finks had received for first article. This is the first she has received.

On the 11th and 14th, we held an entertainment in the church for the benefit of the church furniture. Costumes from Denver. The entertainment first class and a success but the proceeds were not large-- so hard times here. Cleared \$35.00.

Received a draft of \$50.00 from Mrs. P. Lewis of Pa. She said she had written to you to enquire who needed it most. But she had understood that perhaps in our building I had drawn extensively on my means and so I needed it. It was very good in her.

Our little church is very satisfactory. But now we want spiritual blessing to animate the dead masses. Our Sabbath School is very prosperous. Am making special effort to increase Bible Class. Our collection last Sabbath at Sunday School was 2.20. We have 27.00 in Treasury toward self-support. We think of sending for new Sabbath School books but know exactly how to proceed to get choice books.

I am getting as strong and well as ever now. The entertainments were very fatiguing to us both but we are getting rested now. Quite an amount of business for extra session of Presbytery. Would like to be in Denver. But --

Pray for us, Brother, that the Lord will now pour us out a spiritual blessing.

This is all that is now lacking. We wish to get Xmas presents for sabbath School. Dont know whether better get from Hardy (\$20.00 off) or send East. Perhaps you may have some suggestion to make.

Truly yours,

D.E. Finks.

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Trinidad, Colorado.

November 23, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 19th inst came to hand this morning. Glad to hear from you. I have been busily engaged since coming here, both in and out of the pulpit. Have visited the greater part of the American families in this place doing pastoral work in most of them. The Session

waited on me this evening, as rumors have come to them that some of the people do not like "quite so much religion out of the pulpit." The session expressed their opinion that I ought not to pray in families unless invited to do so. My habit has always been to propose it, if appearances seemed to indicate that it would not be unnecessary interruption of work in the family. I was informed that some (I dont know how many) have quit coming to church, assigning the above reason for doing so.

My congregation, to say the least, was full larger yes--



terday morning and evening than it has been since I came, so I think I shall go on with my work, and try to be "instant in season and out of season," preaching to "every creature" as I have opportunity seeking Divine wisdom to guide me, and then leave the result with God. And, dear brother do pray for me, and pray for a beptism of the spirit on this people. For this I am waiting, and I am under the impression that there is some thinking being done both in, and out of the church.

I have not been to Cucharas yet. I made arrangements to go last week, but was disappointed. I thought best not to go this week as it is Thanksgiving, and besides my goods have come, which gives me work for a day or two settling my room. I shall endeavor to go and spend two or three days next week. I have thought the matter over and am of the opinion that there will be more lost here by being absent one Sabbath every month than will be gained there, however, I will know more about it after I go there.

I should think that labor there during the week would answer every purpose, at least through the winter.

There are quite a good many people coming in here every week, single men for the most part.

I laid the matter about the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" before the Session. They propose to raise the twenty dollars.

I will write you the result of my visit to Cucharas  
Kind remembrances to your family from

Your brother in Christ,

J.L.Merritt.

P.S. There was a Baptist minister here the 2d Sabbath after I began work and proposed to preach once a month. He gave out the impression that he would have a Baptist house of worship erected inside of a month. He proposed to move his family here from Pueblo.

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St. Louis, MO.

November 27, 1874.

Yours of 21 duly received. Will make my arrangements to meet you here between 15 and 20 of December. Come as near the 15th as possible, that we may have time to negotiate. I think your proposed plan a good one for the paper. We may be able to do much towards the advertising department here on a 12000 edition.

Shall do all I can towards the project before Dec. Synod unanimously recommended my paper project "if the way be clear."

J.M.Allen.  
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Denver, Colorado,  
November 27, 1874.

I hereby tender to the Synod of Colorado through its stated clerk my resignation as a member of the Committee appointed by the Synod to confer with Governor Evans in regard to a University.

Respectfully Yours,  
E.P.Wells.

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Ogden, November 29, 1874.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 25 inst at hand and in reply will secure a room if possible also the Methodist Church, which I think I can. Will notify you at Evanston by letter.

Yours truly,  
E.P.Brown.

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Corinne, Utah.  
December 1, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your enclosed draft of Mr. P.A.Lewis and also your card of the 25th came to hand yesterday. Many thanks for your prompt remembrance of us. By this assistance with the kindness of Brother Welch we will be quite comfortably provided for the winter, and can wait patiently on the Board.

I hope you will reconsider your purpose of slighting our invitation to preside at our Communion next Sabbath for we expect the Divine Presence. I will still look for you and if you will let us know will wait for you. The house was crowded last Sabbath morning and evening, and with much interest in the services.

When you stop at Evanston you must make very definite arrangements with them. And also learn our weakness in having such godless supporters. If you can get that Church out of the disgrace Mr. Cooper brought upon it and get out of it those who are so shamefully disgracing it and themselves by drunkenness and worldliness you will do more than I have yet been able to do. Try and get Mrs Tooley to tell you all her troubles. She needs your sympathy and help which you can give better than anyone else.

We will be very happy to greet you and with Mrs. Gillespie and the baby hope this pleasure will soon be realized.

Yours ec.,  
S.S. Gillespie.



Black Hawk, Colorado.

December 1, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Although matters are not yet definitely settled, I shall write to let you know something of the situation. I got rather a cool reception from one or two of the elders - Congdon and Henderson - the reasons for which I suppose you yourself know.

Neither of them attended services. They manifested very little interest in the work. If things would go Congregational it would be all right but Presbyterianism - well they are like the man with the physic "Throw it to the dogs, I'll none of it."

Henderson would'nt take a forward move in anything but would let Mead do it all and Mead came to the same conclusion. So there was a full stop! Things looked pretty blue at first. but light is breaking.

Congdon is soon to leave permanently and although at first I thought it would be a loss to be minus his support others think it is for the best as it will leave more harmony among those remaining.

And to-day we found a young, energetic business man who although not a member is very solicitous to have preaching and he is going to take charge of the financial part of the work - subscribing \$5.00 per month himself - I preached last Sabbath morning - here in the evening. And then early next week this subscription paper will be circulated and I shall know how things stand. I shall then let you know the result.

Yours etc.

Wm. M. Campbell.

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West Chester, Penn.

December 3, 1874.

My dear brother in Christ:

Your letter reached me last evening, I was doubly glad to see it as I had not had a line from Brother Finks and began to fear that he had not had the check.

I sent it some time before sending yours, and began to feel anxious. There was no reply needed, except I always love to know the money has reached its destination. I had a letter from Reverend Todd acknowledging bundle and money. You could hardly read that letter without tears. I had no idea of their great destitution. Oh, how much better to give than to receive. I should not have had that money but for the failure of a cherished wish to educate the child I told you of. She had been two years in that excellent school and her teacher tells me is well prepared to teach, as she is so it is all for the best as it is, although it depressed me for a time. The last fifty dollars deposited will be paid between this and the first of January and I will now advance that for Mr. Merritt.



It is better so, as my life is so uncertain. There is a daughter of a Missionary at the same school striving to help work her way through, and her prents have deprived themselves of almost the necessaries of life to aid her. I turned over fifty dollars of the money to help her. She means to give her life to the work her parents are now doing. They are foreign missionaries.

I will try to get a check to-day and send this off to you for Brother Merritt.

Very truly yours,  
P.A. Lewis.

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Trinidad, Colorado,  
December 3, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I was sorry that your health did not permit you to go to Cucharas. I could not spend last Sabbath there as I had my appointments out. But sent appointments for Monday and Tuesday nights and arranged so as to be there Monday P.M. but was disappointed again in the horse that I expected to get, and was not able to find another till noon Monday, so did not get there till Tuesday noon. They had an appointment for me Tuesday night, and during the afternoon I saw about all the people in the neighborhood. About all the residents of the new town were out to the service and made an audience of thirty.

I found four members of the Presbyterian church in that immediate neighborhood. Mr. Thomas Welkin (an elder) and his wife, Mr. Thomas Miller, a single man, past middle age, who will make a good elder, and Mrs. Todd, who is now a member of Trinidad church. There is a Mrs. Hamilton living some distance further up the river, who is also a member of our church.

There are some other individuals, and also families, who are in sympathy with the Presbyterian church living in or near the new town of Cucharas.

They have a Bible class, and class meeting on the Sabbath.

I made another appointment for the last Monday and Tuesday evenings of this month, and the people all seemed pleased with the prospect of having some preaching, even on week evenings.

Now if I go there regularly I shall have to get a horse of my own, so that I may not be disappointed, and also disappoint them, when the appointment comes around.

I can keep a horse for less than I can hire a livery for three days, once a month, and besides can use one to good advantage, in working in other directions. There is quite a community living up this river about forty miles, that I would like to visit occasionally. A lady living up there



sent me her letter of dismissal the other day from Congregational church East. And, by the way, this is the first member of a congregational church that I have ever received into the Presbyterian church. It has been my experience, hitherto, that they will associate themselves more readily with some other branch of the church where where they have not an organization of their own. But I need not write you about this.

Kind regards to your family.

Your brither in Christ,  
J.L. Merritt.

P.S. We had heard of Mrs. Mitchell's coming to Trinidad, and had been looking for her several days. She does not seem inclined to go to work at once in the church.

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Salt Lake City, Utah,  
December 4, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

No Marshall nor tidings of. Are you not coming down?

Festinato,  
J.V. Welch.

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Longmont, Colorado,  
December 5, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 3rd inst just received. Found me in the midst of my work. Glad to hear. Most thankfully and gratefully do we respond to to your words and deeds of encouragement. See that you do not believe in saying "Be ye warmed and clothed." You send the thing itself Well, indeed an additional garment will be needed in facing those mountain storms.

Of late, I have been almost constantly on the wing. Last week I preached Tuesday night at Pella, Wednesday night Upper St. Yrain Thursday Thanksgiving sermon at Longmont; Friday night at Niwot, Saturday rode to Middle Boulder; preached there Sabbath morning; attended Sabbath School at 3.00 and preached at Caribou at night; rode home Monday and was about used up; having contracted cold the Wednesday night previous by riding eight miles after preaching.

We have arranged to have our first communion service at Caribou in one week from to-morrow. Am to preach there Wednesday night next, and will continue every night till Sabbath night, looking for and desiring the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. If He come souls will then be regenerated and saved. Please unite with us in prayer for this.

Am to preach in the morning at Longmont in the afternoon



at Upper St Vrain.

The box from Cazenovia reached us last Monday. It was a very snug box - small but well filled with valuable articles. It is very serviceable to us all. We have responded in a letter of thankfulness.

Tomorrow we are expecting five new additions to the church at Longmont. This will make ten in all since our arrival.

The work is very encourageing at Caribou and Middle Boulder.

W.P.Teitsworth.

Ogden, Utah,  
December 5, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson;  
Evenston,  
Dear Brother:

Yours received. I have seen the Reverend Mr. Long, Methodist Pastor. He said he would be glad to let you have the Church if he did not expect it was engaged by Phillips Phillips for Sabbath evening. He has a concert this evening therefore I do not know as you can have the Church as I could not find out until Sunday morning, I will not make any appointment for you. Phillips is a member of their Church and will expect the Church if he remains I suppose.

Yours truly,  
E.P.Brown.

Longmont, Colorado,  
December 8, 1874.

My dear Brother Jackson:

My commission has just reached me. We are cut down \$250. And the Commission dates from August 15th instead of August 1st. Do you suppose there is any way by which this can be made up to us? Am much obliged to you even for the proposal.

My impression is that some part of this could be made up on the field. Middle Boulder ought to do more than \$50. And Longmont, Upper St. Vrain, Pella and Niwot ought to give at least \$300.

In the same mail came a letter for us from A.S.Osborn, Oxford, Ohio, containing \$56. Will this be a part of what is pledged by the Board? How do you understand it? The same congregation sent \$26. to N.T. for us.

In the morning early I start for Caribou. Am to preach there tomorrow night. We have communion there next Sabbath.

Have heard that Campbell is at Idaho Springs. They are feeling much encouraged there. Some friend at Columbus has offered \$300 toward support.



All are well and send love.

Fraternally etc.,

W.P. Teitsworth.

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Salt Lake City, Utah,  
December 10, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Mr. Bascom has just returned from the South and I have gotten the facts from him concerning the field and openings down there. He says we ought to put one man into Mt. Pleasant, in San Pete Co. The Apostates have built a hall at Mount Pleasant, which they would gladly have occupied by an Evangelical minister. There are a large number dissatisfied with Mormonism there. Mt. Pleasant is the centre of a population of six or eight thousand people, extending about fifteen or eighteen miles above and below in one of the finest of Utah. Now that field should be taken possession of as soon as possible. If we could get a minister who could speak both English and Scandinavian, he could have more influence. Yet the great body of the people speak English. Suppose you see Merritt, and the Secretaries of the Board, and have him come on at the opening of the New Year.

The next important place is Elmore the old capital of the Territory. About twelve or thirteen hundred people there quite a large per cent of them apostatized. It is a good healthy place, and a whole county there with not an Evangelical minister in it. There should be a minister and his wife to go there. Both these counties are without a representation of any Evangelical Church in them. I think it would be no trouble to secure their support, from some of the Ladies Societies. There would be more real romance about the romance there than among the Hottentots of Africa.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children, I remain

Your Brother in Christ,  
Josiah Welch.

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Trinidad, Colorado,  
December 14, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your favor of December 11th containing check for 10 dollars for my travelling expenses to Cucharas came to hand this morning. Many thanks to the donors.

My expenses the last trip were only \$2.50. It is a pretty hard trip on horseback. The probability is that I shall hire a horse and buggy the next time I go, and as I expect to preach on two evenings, I shall go up the river some distance during the day and see what is there.



I thank you for informing me that Brothers Curtis and Smith pass through here, to-night I shall watch for them and be glad to see them.

Mrs. Mitchel has commenced work in the Sabbath School, and we think she will make a good teacher. She has a good voice for singing which helps very much. We have succeeded finally in organizing a choir to lead our singing. We think something of introducing the "Hymnal" into our church.

Inclosed is a short letter addressed to Mrs. Lewis, which you may read if you desire, before sending it. Where does she live?

I shall try to carry out your wishes as well as those of the Committee, with reference to Cucharas as nearly as possible.

Your brother in Christ,  
J.L.Merritt.

Boulder, Colorado,  
December 15, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours received some days ago. If Mrs. H. paid me for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, I have no remembrance of it. Yet will not say she did not. For I urged all my members to take it, and she may have paid me and it escaped my mind. Send it and I'll pay it. But hav'nt a dollar at present. Please send me a blank application to Board Home Missions.

Last Sabbath week was our communion and a very precious season. Five additions to our little church. Our Sunday School is prospering finely. Prayer meetings well attended. Ladies' Home Missions Society more than usually active. In fact, every department of our church work is very encouraging. The Young Mens Christian Association of our town is doing a grand work.

Yours fraternally,  
J.E.Anderson.

Brother Hardy's letter came too late for me to go to the Committee meeting. What was done?

D.J. McMillan -----  
Utah.

Lancaster, Pa.,  
December 17, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson:

Dear friend:

I regret exceedingly that a box could not be made up for that Missionary in New Mexico (I cant recall the name, not having the letter just at hand) A few articles have been given and I when in Philadelphia - went to Mr. Wanmaker and asked to see about a coat, such as he wanted, but



our people are taken up with home matters - sister and I concluded better send you what money we could to relieve their pressing necessities, than wait longer for the box.

I think I wrote you our Pastor, Dr. Westwood was a Methodist Preacher and had only turned Presbyterian a short time before he was invited to preach for us. Some of his congregation were carried away with him and had him called. Well the church required some repairs and new carpet - the parsonage papered, new heater etc, etc, which run them considerably in debt. Then our pastor asked them to furnish the parsonage (it is customary for the Methodists to have their parsonages as the Ministers have to leave in two or three years but not so with our church) they purchased carpet made and put them down, and bought furniture - had a nice supper and reception for him when he brought his bride. This week they are having a festival to procure new books for the Sabbath School Library and make some improvements in the lecture-room.

Enclosed please find a draft for thirty-three dollars; \$2.25 please retain as subscription for Presbyterian for brother Dr. Dale, Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa. the postage as it has to be paid. \$20. from me - \$10 from my sister, \$0.75 from a friend of mine making \$30.75. Will you please give that minister's wife for a Christmas gift from us.

An old friend of mine, Mrs. Hooker, has gone as a Missionary to the City of Mexico; she called to see me in the fall - has been preparing herself for the work - studied the Spanish language etc. I hope she may be instrumental in winning or leading many souls to Christ.

With much love to Mrs. Jackson and an interest in your prayers, I subscribe myself as ever,

Your friend and well-wisher,  
Anna M. Dale.

I am sorry to tell you we have not had one monthly since Mr. W. is with us.

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Helena, Montana,  
December 16, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

My sister's health is so much reduced that I may be summoned home any moment. Can you inform me in regard to the quickest route to New York and secure for me reduced fare, on the way. Please write me at once. You can forward whatever documents may be required to obtain half fare on the U.P. to Corinne where I can get them at the Post Office or (if not needed just then) notify me by letter and I can write to the Corinne Post Master to forward them to Helena. I may telegraph to you for the necessary papers. I suppose an order from the Superintendent to the agent at Ogden would be sufficient.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and best wishes for yourself.  
Yours, W.C. Rommel.



Black Hawk, Colorado,  
December 18, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I spent last night at your house. I went down to have a talk with you about matters on this field only to find that you were gone - I shall send this to the Mission rooms trusting that you may receive it on your arrival. I wrote you at Denver a short time ago in reference to the outlook here - I suppose you got it.

Congdon and Clark have never been to hear me and would like to see Presbyterianism die out here.

I write this to show you how things stand and trust that I may hear from you in reference to matters at once. One party refused to do anything. Brother Meade also refused to take the lead in anything - or atleast in financial matters but we finally got a business man who was anxious to have preaching to take charge of that part. we thought it better to defer the circulation of the paper for a couple of weeks. In the meantime I have been told that the Congregational parties have been using their influence against matters. The object was to raise sixty-five dollars (\$65.00 per month here fifty dollars for me (50.00) and the balance for incidental expenses, payment of sexton etc.

The paper has been circulated, but instead of raising the above amount I am told that scarcely twenty-five dollars (25.00) per month can be raised and that to cover all expenses, leaving about ten or twelve dollars per month for me. Some of those who were subscribers refused to give a cent on account of the adverse influence at work.

Not that they were influenced by them; but as I understand on account of the fact of their being there. If that element was not there they would give. At Idaho, they are quite enthusiastic. They have pledged themselves for three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the year and besides all this there happened to be a wealthy Presbyterian tourist - a banker from Cleveland, Ohio - Hurlbut by name - spending the Sabbath there lately and he promised that whenever they would get a minister, he would give \$300.00 three hundred dollars, to his support per year, - and continue it for an indefinite period - or until they should be self-supporting.

Brother Ross wrote to him that they were now ready for the \$300.00 but has not yet received a reply. If that promise hold good - as I expect it will - \$600 (six-hundred dollars) will come from Idaho. Now I should like to find out from you while you are in New York the amount likely to be obtained from the Board.

Even with the little to be obtained here, if the above amount should be received from Idaho - we should have altogether - say - \$750. seven-hundred and fifty dollars. Now if the Board would make up the balance we could hold the fort and defeat the plans and desires of those who oppose themselves. If Idaho is again disappointed they will be very much discouraged and will not be likely to exert themselves much



again. And if the opposing party in Black Hawk would see that we were determined to hold and work the field they would likely give way and opposition cease. In the mean time I shall keep on working in both places. Please find out from the Board what they will likely give this field and then write me as I am anxious to hear.

Faithfully, yours,  
William M. Campbell.

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Laramie, Wyoming,  
December 21, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I was yesterday at Raulins and I must confess that I never made a tour of labour with more encouragement. There was an attention last night and an earnestness shown that I have never seen surpassed in my ministry under the same or like circumstances. I may mistake outward manifestations but the impressions on my mind is that the Holy Spirit was more than usually present last evening and that there is a door of usefulness open. The question now is how shall it be entered? Could I get a free pass for that field it need not be used for any other - or a sort of commutation ticket by which my visits might be brought down below even half fare, I would go down as often sometimes, as twice a month. The Sunday School is organized and in operation and with some fostering it can be made a fine school. They need books and papers - the latter they can furnish themselves and the former I will seek to furnish from the 13th St. Presbyterian Church. I am still under their care for which I am thankful. The people will probably lower the house of worship and underpin it when it will be very comfortable. Could you give a Sabbath.

I received a check for \$33.1/3 from the Board for a month's salary. Am I to understand that as a supplement? It comes timely. I feel great interest in Rawlins and yet some embarrassment. Laramie is growing and our congregations are on the increase. We are gaining a family to-day. Judge Thomas - from the Episcopalians. Our Sabbath School is very prosperous - we raised \$100. without any difficulty for Christmas tree. To close the church once a month seems unfortunate and especially as the race is comparatively renewed for a footing on the part of the Churches.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Yours as ever,  
William E. Hamilton.

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We received a letter to-day from Mrs. Blair and also from the Pastors mother. They have handed our responses round from house to house and now they have gone to Annapolis, Md. The bread is cast upon the waters and I hope it will return to others.

W.E.D.

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Longmont, Colorado,  
December 21st, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Enclosed I send you some matters about church affairs at Longmont which you can use as you think best.

The Congregationalists and we have been moving a little in the direction of Union. And you notice their treatment. We handed them our action and without our sanction they had it published in one of our journals, endeavoring evidently to arouse public feeling against us.

In my judgment, it was a grave offence for them to publish a part - any part of our sessional deliberations. It is about the same as if lovers were in communication as to marriage, and the one party should publish the other's letters.

You notice, I had thought of replying but our session, whose counsel I sought, thought it not wise and prudent as the statement might be. Their impression is that the Congregationalists and outsiders generally would be glad to stir up a general quarrel.

Our people believe that the wise course to pursue is for us to go forward and do the work and leave them to do the "fussing."

You notice we have made them a fair and reasonable proposal. They are afraid to accept of it. Hence the responsibility rests wholly on them.

Our prospects for growth, in all this field, with the continual presence of the Holy Spirit, is good.

Am now preaching three times each Sabbath, urging the claims of the Gospel; at the same time doing much visitation from house to house.

Am to commence a little season of meetings at Middle Boulder, Thursday night.

Fraternally etc.,  
W.P. Teitsworth.

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Cherlton, N.Y.,  
December 22, 1874.

Dear Brother:

I started on the way to Silver City, was detained by Brother Smith's delay awhile and then was taken sick and obliged to take a new start when able.



Reverend Smith goes through Kansas City to-day I suppose on his way to Santa Fe.

Sorry I could not be with him, so as to do as I wrote you in regard to letting you know of our progress etc.

When I last saw Brother Smith, I did not expect to be unable to go, and hence did not tell him about looking out for letters from you etc.

I had a severe bilious attack and threatened with fever and was in no condition to brave the staging. Hope to do better next time.

I would like very much if you would write me about Silver City. What is the prospect there? Are there any Presbyterians there? Or other church members; any Protestant churches; are the prospects for doing good there encouraging? Would there be those who would sympathize with a minister and help in his support? Much papal opposition etc? Any item of information of course would be interesting to me. I expected to find all for myself but am prevented for the present.

Are you acquainted with anyone there who would write me the facts about the place? I have not been able to gather much of anything. If there is such a person, would you please send him my name and address and ask for such information, to be sent me.

I do not wish to give you too much trouble about this matter but you will see how anxious I am to gather some information.

It is one of the hardest things I ever did to turn back after starting, but I trust the delay is only temporary.

I shall be very glad to hear from you and to receive any suggestions you may have to give me.

I hope Brother Smith will like it at Santa Fe.

Coming through Schenectady I heard the 1st church was making you up a nice box. Glad of it.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Your brother in Christ,

W.W.Curtis,

Charlton,

Saratoga Co.  
N.Y.

Can you send me a Silver City paper?

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Carrollton, Illinois,  
December 23, 1874.

Reverend Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Brother:

Without seeming to forestall Providence I could not give you a definite answer, and so have awaited developments regularly. My physician advises me to leave this climate at once without waiting to complete my



winter's work. Would it be wise for me to go to the mountains at this season of the year? If you think so please write me of Bozeman or Silver City or such other point as in your judgment I might work advantageously.

I am truly sorry for the misunderstanding between us. It came about in this way - I proposed coming home and preparing for immediate removal to the mountains. You spoke of the necessity of hearing from the Board first. I came away with the impression that I must do nothing until I should hear from the Board.

My general health is good. My lungs perfectly sound. But my throat is sore. I am sure a dryer climate will prove a sufficient remedy.

The requisite "equipment" has not yet, alas! been provided.

May I hear from you soon?

Yours fraternally,

D.J.McMillan.

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Fairplay, Colorado,  
December 30, 1874.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have some good news to impart. First we had a fine Xmas tree. The actual cost of articles on it was over \$500.

We were happily surprised at the ease with which we gained friends. The harmonious feeling and especially real delight manifested in remembering friends is one of the pleasantest manifestations of our work here. I gave prizes for best attendance and most verses learned. \$ amounted to \$10 It has had a good influence.

It has surprised all to think that in these hard times received have such a beautiful tree.

Little girls have taken great pleasure in giving us gifts. But I must not omit to tell you of Mrs. Finks' valuable and elegant present of a silver "fruit stand and dish" (Epergne) worth \$28.00 The lady tells us it was no trouble at all to raise the money.

We received our carpet from Indianapolis with other things. Some of which were sent us to distribute among the poor and some things we put on the tree. The carpet is very neat and comfortable, covering up bare boards. Last night received letter from Slatevill Church stating that as the box was likely to be small they thought it would be better to send us money instead and so are going to try to raise as large amount as they can.

The Methodist minister here is terminating about as you said he would. He a great beggar for himself and now that he was raised all that is possible and his popularity is gone, it is reported that he is going. I am really in hopes



it is true since it has been turmoil all the time since he came, and there is nor can be no hopes of doing good while such an evil spirit exists here.

Still out of it all I believe the Lord is working good. It has taught me a good deal of valuable experience at least with reference to one man.

I think I can say truly that we have more friends to-day here and in Alma than ever before and when a suitable time comes will do more than ever before toward our support.

Mrs. Finks says she has not received the Botany from

I will send to you my check of \$250. that you may put in the Savings Bank, so that we may have something on hand when we want to get out of the country.

I am holding Thursday Eve meetings in the Church. Pray for us that these and all means of grace may bring blessing upon this people. We want the power of the Lord displayed here that men may see it and be convinced of the truth of Christianity.

Mrs. Finks joins with me in the kind wishes of the season to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

D.F.Finks.

P.S. I have signed the draft thinking this will be the proper way.



1875.

Pueblo, Colorado, Jan., 1, 1875.

Rev. S. Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

At Mr. Lowther's request I write to you concerning the death of that dear Christian woman, his wife, which occurred on Tuesday evening last about 8 o'clock. On Thursday the last day of the year her remains were tenderly and solemnly consigned to their last resting place, to await the resurrection morning, her spirit, without a doubt, having been taken to the place, of the "spirits of the just made perfect".

Her age was 39 years, 9 months and fifteen days.

She was one of the four original members of the church at this place, and was a regular attendant upon its services as long as she was able to go, and even did attend when the feeble condition of her health would have been bettered by remaining in the comfort of her own home, and I am sure sometimes attended to the detriment of her health.

She always manifested by her gifts, her prayers and her sympathies, the deepest interest in the church and its prosperity. Her life has always been one of the noblest and purest in every particular.

She was received into the church at Newport, Pa., under the pastorate of the Rev. Wm. P. Cochran, now at Palmyra, Mo., about twelve years ago.

About two years after that time, she felt somewhat anxious as to her real acceptance with her Saviour.

And at that time living away from her former pastor she took the cars and sought an interview with him, after and since which time, she has never had a doubt, but sought to adorn her profession, in ever word and act, in the family, the church and the community.

Dear Brother Jackson:

This letter was sent me from some one of course in Pueblo, Col. I think likely it was sent to me through mistake, being designed for you to

The church has truly lost a good friend and a true Christian has fallen asleep.

Yours, etc.,

W. E. Hamilton.

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\$1.00

Georgetown, Colorado.  
Jan. 1st, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I send you an excerpt from the Congregationalist--  
Received a letter from Mt. Holly Church. I had  
written them introducing them to our church town and surround-  
ings. They seemed pleased to have me write them so freely--  
said they could not supply all the articles mentioned. But  
would soon forward the result of their efforts--were a small  
church and few workers, etc.

Church matters here "in statu quo". Mitchel has gone  
for his wife to locate here I am told. The Congregational  
minister goes to California to settle. Starts next Monday.

Rumor says Revs. Prof. Wiser and Mitchel will supply them  
for a time. I will send you a \$ in this if I can get a P. O.  
Order.

Happy New Year to you and family.

Please publish that Scribner & Co. offer their magazines  
to members of Colorado Synod at 20 per cent discount or Scrib-  
ner's Monthly \$3.20 and St. Nicholas \$2.40 per year postage pre-  
paid.

I presume would do the same for others. I wrote them  
in reference to our Synod.

Bro. John L. Gage.

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Bridgeton, N. J.,  
January 7, 1875.

\$2.25

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Evanston.

My dear Brother in Christ:

Although you seldom hear from me directly, you are not  
forgotten before God in my petitions.

I wrote acknowledging the receipt of your Home Missionary  
papers, but my letter was laid aside and not sent. It was im-  
possible to do anything in that way, as our three Presbyterian  
Churches support "Mrs. Wilden of the Kalapoor Mission". In  
my Infant School last year, I placed before the children the  
wants of the Evanston school and the funds collected I request-  
ed the Superintendent and school teachers to send to that church.  
There was so much opposition that I withdrew my request--one of  
our Elders had just returned from Synod, and been so moved by  
"Mr. Dickson's address" and our church gets the "credit" when  
sent through the "Boards" so it all went to the Board.

I am so rejoiced you do not leave the Evanston Church,  
"but will yourself once a month" visit them.



The Episcopalians have become interested and Alfred writes me--If any good man comes of whatever denomination he will be supported. They were so deceived in some.

I get their weekly paper and "Satan" I find is not asleep. Saloons and grog-shops are abundant.

I am only able to pray for you and wish you God speed in your good work for the Master. I now have three sons in Evanston. Henry wrote me he had written for his letter, but I fear he has never presented it. He fears he has lost his hope, but I have faith in the covenant mercies of my God. He will be brought back. It may be severe discipline, but I know he is an erring rebellious one, but still a child.

Alfred and Lorenzo have never confessed Christ. My son in Philadelphia is an earnest working Christian. We two, eventually, may come out to your new country. My sons have written me to come next Spring.

I do not think I can leave my sister then. She is my only sister and an invalid, dependent upon me for care and nursing. I live with my brother, Dr. Sheppard, and sister, in our old home.

It would be a change at my age to seek a new home, but love for my children, and then Eternal interests would constrain me. I don't know as I could be of much use in the church.

I have now given up my Infant School-- where I have labored for years to younger hands, and taken a class, as the singing and talking was too hard.

I send you two dollars for the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". (One copy.)

I am sorry Alfred has become so engrossed in money making. I warn him--he is very kind to his brothers--has done so much for them--his wife, I love from her letters and kindness to my dear ones--but they are "Outside of the Fold". I have remembered you in this week of prayer--that as God's Spirit has visited the Larimer Church, so the blessing may come to Evanston and Ogden, Salt Lake.

I am personally acquainted with Mr. Read, having met him at Ashland, Pa.--have hoped his feet would be led to Evanston--but the Presbytery being divided, fear not.

May God spare your life and health to labor and reap the fruit in this day is the prayer of your sister in Christ,

Jane R. Lee.

Georgetown, Colorado,  
Jan. 8th, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Can you see Dr. Wilson in reference to an appropriation for our church building, and explain to him the reason of the change from wood to stone? It was a matter of economy. The



Methodist and Congregational churches are now rickety--made of Mt. lumber,--or becoming so they say. A lumber dealer here told me it did not pay to use our lumber for public buildings, though he had it for sale.

I think our building cost much less than the one at Central. We have depended on the appropriations and it will seriously affect us in many ways not to receive it. The church will renew their application now. There is no extra expense put in our building except the stone wall--no tower--common plaster shaded with lamp black, etc.

Can you let me know when the Board of Home Missions will probably be able to pay my last quarter's salary, due the 20th last month. I will probably have to borrow \$125, if it does not come soon, and would like to know (if it can be known) about what time to expect the remittance. I will probably have to buy furniture soon--am renting now.

Bro. John L. Sage.

Received a letter from the Mt. Holly Church, N. J. They say they can not fill out the list I sent but will send something soon. You know the peculiarities of this field. Un-less they improve in giving I will need what I sent for and be unable to furnish myself. Week of prayer is observed--union meetings--good attendance and interesting exercises.

Brother J. L. Sage.

Charlton, Saratoga Co. N. Y.  
Jan. 9, 1875.

Silver City.

Rev. S. Jackson, D.D.,

My dear Bro:

Your letter written me at Osage City was forwarded to Washington--sent back to Lyndon and thence forwarded to me here, and received, last evening. Wish I could have gone as originally planned and been with you at Los Animas.

Well, we have to be disappointed sometimes, you know. It was the hardest thing I most ever did, when so far on the way to turn back, but I see now I never could have gone on and got through without being laid up somewhere.

I do hope the "Kansas bile" is all out of me now.

I like the route by K. P. better only I wanted to go as far as Emporia and thought I might as well keep on in that line. Then I had some acquaintance with Chick Browne & Co., Granada, and thought I might make some arrangement with them for cheap transportation of freight.

I will keep your note to Keim and may go that way and use it.

I hope to start from here in about three weeks or Febru-



ary 1st, and take it a little leisurely, making more of a stop in Kansas to settle up there, and thought that March would be a good time to take the stage ride, as being after the cold of winter weather and before snows melt to interfere with stageing. Am I correct in this?

I shall be very glad to have any suggestions you may have.

You have doubtless received my previous letter from here and I am looking for an answer to-night.

Is there any possibility of getting reduced fare on the stages?

I am more anxious than ever to get to Silver City after the first attempt being a failure, and as I am beginning to feel so much better I hope to be better prepared for work down there than if I had reached there the other time.

Hope it may happen to be convenient for us to meet when I go again.

I trust you have received your box from Schnectady and are rejoicing over the contents. Happy New Year to you all.

The Lord bless you in all your work.

Shall be glad to hear from you.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. W. Curtis.

P. S. Had I better come by St. Louis or Chicago? Bro. Smith is doubtless in Santa Fe now. I sent you postals from Pittsburg and Columbus announcing our delay. Hope our non-appearance at Los Animas was no inconvenience to you.

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Sent Wm. M. Campbell, Black Hawk,

New York, January 12, 1875.

Dear Brother Sheldon Jackson:

Our Sabbath School has been made acquainted with your work and your needs. The children have been led to sympathize deeply with the sad condition of many of the Grasshopper sufferers, and at my suggestion, cheerfully donated all their collections to date, to the benefit of some needy home missionary, whom you will please select, and whose heart we trust shall be cheered and comforted.

I have still uphill work here--The heathen abound in our community. I labor on trusting the Lord will keep me here or send me elsewhere according as He sees best.

I read your paper with pleasure and profit.

My regards to Mrs. Jackson and best wishes and earnest prayers for your work.

I am,

Fraternally yours,

George Nixon.



Herewith please find check on Duncan Sherman and Co.,  
 endorsed to your order for \$30, the offering of the S. S. of  
 the Presbyterian Church, West Farm, to Home Missionary.

G. N.

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Mrs. Rev. R. L. Stewart \$25.00  
 Mrs. Rev. C. Van Der Vern \$25.00

Utica, January 13, 1875.

Ans..

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Having seen an article in the January number of the  
 "Rocky Mountain" containing an appeal for help for the wives  
 of those ministers in your district, whose salaries have been  
 reduced by the stringency of the times, I take the liberty of  
 sending you a draft of \$50. which you will please distribute  
 according to your discretion among such needy ones of God's  
 flock. It would give me much pleasure, to relieve necessities  
 of a similar nature, could I receive reliable assurance con-  
 cerning them, and some account of their circumstances, and  
 should you encounter such in the wide and needy field to which  
 you are called, you will greatly oblige me, by giving me infor-  
 mation concerning them, providing it does not infringe too  
 largely upon your time. I feel much interested in your work,  
 and think your paper must do a great work, imparting information  
 to the ignorant, and strength to the weak. I hope you may long  
 be spared to be a comfort to the Christians scattered all over  
 the West. There is no branch of Christian work I am more in-  
 terested in, than "Home Missions", and I feel it a privilege  
 to lend a helping hand to those good men and women, laboring in  
 the West. They are self-denying class, with very little re-  
 compensate in this life for their work, but with a prospect of reward  
 in that day, when we shall all receive according to the manner  
 we have served in this life. That we may be among the number  
 of those invited to a seat at our Father's right hand, as good  
 and faithful servants, having done it unto the least of Christs'  
 little ones is the prayer of your friend,

Sarah A. Gilbert.

Utica, Whitesboro Street, No. 20.,  
 N. Y., Jan. 13, 1875.

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Boulder, Col.,  
Jan. 13, 1875.

Mrs. Jackson,  
Dear Friend:

Your very kind letter was received and be assured, was duly appreciated by your humble servant. May the Master reward you for this generous donation and kind sympathy. I expected to go to Denver last week and see and thank you in person and so neglected intentionally this mode of reply. Your sympathy and prayers seemed to do me more good than even the generous donation to our church building. It strengthened and encouraged me greatly. The Lord Jesus only knows the difficulties under which I labor in this godless, ignorant and bigoted community. I need money as much as one ever did to carry on my building, but I crave sympathy more. My very soul almost sinks within me at times in view of the fact that there is no one in the place that is at all companionable for me. Only because He does know it and has placed me here by his providence and impressed it so strongly on my mind that it is his will I should remain can I stand it at all. Don't think I am blue for writing so. In fact have never felt more encouraged to work here than at present. In fact I am jolly since our pastor's meeting last Monday, and while there are serious views of the case that makes me most solemn and humble and prayerful, yet joy predominates and with smiles and gladness I involuntarily exclaim at times "Bless the Lord". "Time shall unfold what plaited cunning hides", and has done it here. Rejoice with me--"the die is cast, the Rubicon is crossed", and "I am" not "the man that struck Billy Patterson". In other words the minister who I think I have mentioned in your presence as not Orthodox and as full of cunning tricks is floored. His sermons of late have been so clearly against the principle all the other ministers here preach that many have informed us to that effect. And so last Monday in our "Pastors' Meeting" the Episcopal minister told him he had heard as much and asked him, if he was willing to define his position on the Atonement and some leading doctrines of the gospel, which the brother (?) declined to do. The Episcopal minister declined to sit in a Pastors' meeting with a man who did not hold the fundamental doctrines in common with him. It was the Congregational minister who was asked to do this. (For convenience and brevity will designate these men as E. & C., and the Methodist ministers for there were three of them present, two being accidentally in town and invited in--by M.) One M., who had been stationed here in time past, said he had heard these things since his present visit here and has asked C. about it and was satisfied the charges were not true; and recommended to E. to ask C. questions. C. agreed to answer any questions and the "ball opened" and such a lively time as ensued for two hours we would have something to say on that subject. Some two weeks ago



the E. M. having heard much as to his unscriptural position, asked him his position on the leading doctrines of the gospel, in our "Pastors' meeting", the result was we found him wholly unevangelical. That was the most lively "pastors' meeting" for about two hours that Colorado ever saw I expect. T. refused to answer and the Episcopal minister said if he did not he would leave the meeting. T. said he would answer questions and the ball opened lively. There were three Methodist ministers present, two visiting brethren.

Jan. 28.

I must finish this for this morning's mail. I have so much to say on this subject. I have been stopped so often in the writing of this. Have had to prepare and preach two sermons since this was commenced.

Tell Bro. Jackson I want to see him very much, and ask him to come out and stay over night as soon as he can and preach for me as we are holding meetings. I have much to tell him. Our town is always like a boiling caldron but was never in such a fusion as at present. Yet I am calm and can but say "bless the Lord oh my soul". I have been praying and waiting for it a long time -- am sure it is the Lord's doings. If I can only know and humbly and boldly do His will all will come out well. Tell Bro. Jackson to come at once if he can and bring me a blank application for E. M. I have too much to write and can't get off. My little church are rallying around me as they never did before and many good people from all the churches. Some of the Congregational church are coming to me.

Most truly yours,

J. F. Anderson.

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#### Action of Session.

Jan. 15, 1875.

The Resolution of the previous meeting was changed to read as follows:

We, as a Session, are willing that an impartial Committee, made up alike of Congregationalists and Presbyterians, shall be invited to Longmont, whose business it shall be to arrange this whole matter, even to the deciding on the denominational name of the church, and we pledge ourselves, in good faith, to abide in their decision.

A true copy.

W. P. Teitsworth,

Mod. of the Session.

Longmont, Col. Feb. 15, 1875.

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We, the undersigned members of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Longmont, do hereby certify that, in a joint conference of this Session, and the minister and deacon of the Congregational Church, we understood Mr. Mead, the leading deacon of the Congregational Church, to say, in reply to the proposition of this Session to submit the consolidation of the two churches to an impartial committee, that he (Mead) was not willing to submit it to such a committee, and also that he was not in favor of union under the circumstances.

W. P. Teitsworth

A. D. Holt

S. Y. Reinnell.

Longmont, Colorado, Feb. 13, 1875.

Fairplay, Col. Jan. 18, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I think I commenced my last letter to you by stating I had some good news to tell. Now I have some better news. We observed the week of prayer. Christians were revived. One that had given up prayer reclaimed. Last week held three meetings. On Thursday eve my wife and I had asked the Lord to give us one soul and what was our great and happy surprise when four arose. On Saturday eve many sought came in expecting no doubt amusement but instead found it a serious place; one more arose.

The Devil is also renewing his work but I hope it is his last effort for many. A good work has been done already. But we hope and pray for a greater. That the hardened and men of influence in society may come. Oh Bro. pray for us. Pray for me that I may in my lack of wisdom and weakness be sufficient for these things.

One mother of a large family arose. One young lady. Three young girls. We hope the good work has but just begun. The Methodist minister left. Now all is perfect harmony.

The Lord has sent a young earnest Christian (Methodist) to assist us. I hardly knew what I should do without him, and our old assistant Father Chaffel.

This is just the work we have needed. Oh, pray for us.

I want to ask your advice about Mrs. DuBois who has been brought up a Universalist. She has not risen yet but will I think. She says she loves the Lord. Believes in prayer faith and good works. But as yet she clings to the idea that somehow all will be saved. No one has done so much for the church as she in work required to be done. She takes hold of each and all things with whole soul. She says she likes to be us and work with us. Has had a S. S. class for quite a while. She has previously thought of joining the church and I think will apply for admission. It seems to me that she ought to come for



her own good and the church. I hav'nt much doubt but her old views will wear away. She at least would not promulgate them. She was brought up in the better class of Universalists, what she calls (Christian Universalists) not the world's universalists.

Now Brother shall I admit such? Her thoughts are constant and earnest on subjects which will lead her to make a public confession. Perhaps then her eyes will be opened wider.

My wife says "tell Mr. Jackson to come up--we long for the sight of a Presbyterian minister".

Her health is not good, and I sometimes think we may be compelled to leave this high altitude. We are willing to stay as long as it is the Lord's will. So keep it in mind when there is a favorable opening elsewhere. It may be our duty to go.

Nothing of a serious nature in regard to her health, but a general weakness and debility. Hoping you have returned and I shall hear from you soon, I am,

Your Brother in Christ,  
T. B. Finks.

Trinidad, Col., Jan. 18, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Friend:

We write you in regard to our minister, Mr. Merrett, and the interest of our church at this place. Mr. Merrett falls far short of filling the place of Mr. Robb, and we feel it more and more every week, especially those of us who have the burden to bear. And if there is any way to remedy this, in the way of a change we think it should be done. Mr. Merrett is no doubt a sincere Christian, but his ways and manner appear to drive away instead of drawing into the church, and the change is so apparent in our church that we feel it is to our disadvantage. So that if any thing can be done by you to work a change for the better in the way of sending us another minister or changing Mr. Merrett, the church would no doubt prosper by the change.

When Mr. Robb left us, our church was in a prosperous condition. It continued to grow while he was with us. We paid our rent for house of worship; raised money to buy a good organ, with over two hundred dollars in the building fund, and paid him more of a salary than we promised him. And if he had remained with us could have paid him four hundred dollars easier than we can Mr. Merrett two hundred. Our attendance at church is less than when Mr. Robb left us. While the Methodist is growing, they have not a brilliant minister. This place is growing; the change is wonderful since you was with us. Other churches will soon be commencing to organize and we should be the first church in the way of members and attendance in the place. Under the present circumstances the burden of support falls entirely upon the members. With a minister like Mr. Robb he gathered in persons that never attended church any place and was not backward to assist where called upon. New families are moving into Trinidad every week.



Next Spring no doubt will have a larger emigration than ever before. Our Communion will take place on the second Sabbath. We would be glad to have you meet with us, if possible at that time, or as soon as you can conveniently do so.

We, the Members of the Session, remain respectfully yours,

A. G. Stark.

W. S. Phillips.

E. C. Martsalf.

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Auburn, N. Y. Jan. 21, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Friend:

The Central Presbyterian Church here has a communion service belonging to it, which is not in use, a new one having taken its place. The ladies of the missionary society have requested me to write and ask you if you know of any church to which the gift of it would be acceptable.

A widow of a Presbyterian minister, formerly of this place, has a very nice overcoat, which was purchased by her husband only a short time previous to his death and is consequently almost new. She feels that she would like to give it to some minister to whom it would be of real service and benefit. If you know of such a one will you give me the name and directions for sending.

Mr. Robb wrote to you sometime since in regard to some gentlemen now in the Seminary who were thinking of Mission work, and has not received a reply as yet. Possibly you may not have received his letter.

Please remember Mr. Robb and myself to Mrs. Jackson.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. E. F. Robb.

Mr. Robb was out when I wrote the preceding but has just come in and wishes me to ask you to have the Presbytery of Colorado, dismiss him to the Presbytery of Cayuga at their first meeting.

J. C. R.

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Evans, Col. Jan 24, 1875.

Greeley.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your late letter was received. I will go up to Greeley this week. I can readily find out as to how things stand there. But I think there is no ground for the fears you entertain. It must be a recent affair, say within the last month. Mrs. Smith will write Mrs. Jackson in regard to the clothing. If you could hand the package to Jas. McClutcheon he would send it up by some one passing through Evans. I will write you again soon.

Yours etc.,

Jno. F. Stewart.

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Missoula

Willowbrook, Auburn, N.Y.

Jan. 24, 1875.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The time for our annual meeting at Albany is approaching and we are anxious to have some information respecting Miss Lewis. Will you have the kindness to inform me if Miss Lewis has succeeded in her proposed school at Helena. Our society has sent Miss Lewis fifty dollars since last Spring and the Treasurer wrote me that as she had moved from her former place of residence that the society considered that twenty dollars more added to the fifty which would make in all seventy dollars, was all that they felt bound to contribute to Miss Lewis's support. I have heard nothing from her since her appeal to our society to contribute to the support of her school at Missoula. Our Treasurer, Mrs. Kelly says "I sent Miss Lewis \$50. last July". "I learned through Miss Freund, our Secretary, that Miss Lewis had left Missoula, and had kept her school there for only seven months". As our society promised her ten dollars a month towards the support of her school at Missoula, the Secretary considers that we have discharged our obligations by sending Miss Lewis seventy dollars. I am expecting to go to Albany next month, when I shall be present at the meeting of our Mission School Association, and will you, dear friend, let me know whatever information you have respecting Miss Lewis and her present work, and also respecting Miss Crittenden. I am anxious to do all I can with my influence and means for new pioneer Christian schools, and I hope the ladies who belong to our Association will keep up their interest in them, and go from strength to strength in Mission work. A letter from you, dear Mr. Jackson, will do good, and help to keep alive an interest in this work.

My daughter, Mrs. Alexander is now with us. She expects to leave the 1st of February for her home at Fort Union, New Mexico. Mr. Alexander left us last week.

Hoping to hear from you and with the assurance of high regard,

Believe me,

Very truly your friend,

C. W. Martin.

Hamilton, Montana.  
Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Hamilton, Jan. 25., 1875.

Dear Friend:

After two weeks of rest, our school reopens under very pleasant circumstances. We have now gathered under our roof twelve as bright, well disposed studious girls as this country affords. Six are boarding pupils. Six day. Four were formerly in our Bozeman School. Father is making an effort to see what can be done at home before making an "appeal" abroad, but does not know whether anything will be.



We feel convinced more and more of the advantage to Protestant christianity in the Territory, such a school permanently established on a good basis would be, but we all know neither families, schools or churches thrive well while homeless. We were the recipients of a "Christmas box" from some kind friends in Peoria. One letter, which came with the box, I think might serve to entertain the readers of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". I will copy it for you and if you see fit to publish it, will you please send me a half dozen of the papers containing it?

Papa and mama would join me in kindest regards to yourself and family.

Very truly,

Your friend and co-worker,

Mary G. Crittenden.

The donors of the box were the "Ladies Benevolent Society", in connection with Dr. Edward's Church, most of whom--and among these "Julia J"--are only known to us through their kind words and good deeds. "Ella" is an old school friend.

Laramie.

Sidney, Fremont Co., Iowa,

Rev. S. Jackson, D.D.,

Jan, 25, 1875.

Dear Brother:

A few weeks since I wrote you in regard to my future labors, etc.

Fearing you may not understand why I wished to advise with you, in confidence I will explain.

I believe you are aware our darling Minnie has been engaged for more than two years. Had our precious mama lived she would have been married last Christmas. They would like to be married in June or July next, but she is very thoughtful and loving, and is unwilling to leave me as we are now situated. I have thought some of taking Nettie and Otto and going to Germany for a few months. I will also say to you, I believe you are acquainted with Miss ~~London~~, a member of Dr. Hall's church in N. J. She has always been a very dear friend to us all. Since our dear mama's death, we have still kept up correspondence with her. I have thought some of visiting New York in the Spring with a view of seeing her personally. It don't seem right to keep my darling child too long beyond this intended marriage.

And now, dear brother, I had such a feeling, could I only see you, I could advise with you, as with no other person. My people are very kind. Did I tell you of my Christmas present? Four volumes of the "New American Encyclopedia" from the church.

I know you will rejoice with me, that there are tokens of the Holy Spirit's presence with us. A few are indulging hope in Christ. Pray for us. I often think of your assiduous labors, and pray that God may make you successful.



If it is not best for me to leave this field before, I should very much like to go to Colorado when my year is up; that is, if the Master has a work for me to do. With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children, I remain

Yours in toil for Jesus,  
F. L. Arnold.

P. S. The insurance money I told you about, was all sent to me in due time.

Yours etc.,  
F. L. A.

Rawlings.

Laramie, Jan. 26, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have made another encouraging visit to Rawlings. If there were anything to do there by which I could earn a living I would take that field simply because of its destitution, provided the other denominations would consent to remain away. But there is no means of a support as the school is supplied and small at best. It seems a pity to leave so large a community without a resident Pastor. I hope now to make my trips regularly. My object in writing is to learn if there is any way of procuring a free pass just for that work. I would be willing to give up my half fare ticket and pay the full amount when I go elsewhere. My preaching is all they get and I would like to go down in the week. The cost of traveling there will be \$150 which is all they can raise. If you have any influence with Clark which I have not, would you be kind enough to exert it for this matter. I would rather commute with them,--as they call it East--than to have a free pass. I would be willing to pay fifty dollars a year.

Stop when you pass on your way to E.

Yours truly,  
W. E. Hamilton.

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| Mrs. C. Van der Vern | Canon      | \$50.00 |
| Mrs. R. L. Stewart   | Golden     | \$50.00 |
| Rev. Wm. M. Campbell | Idaho      | \$20.00 |
|                      | Utah       | \$20.00 |
| S. School            | Los Animas | \$10.00 |

Uttica, Jan. 26, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 20th to Mrs. Gilbert was received this morning, and she is very glad to be assured by you that the draft sent you January 13th was acceptable and received at an opportune time. In response to your call



for further assistance for these missionaries' wives, it gives her pleasure to be able to enclose another draft for one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars, of which you will please give Mrs. Van Der Vern fifty dollars, and dispose of the balance among such needy ones as you may meet. She feels that you can judge of cases, and are more competent to disburse the money than she is, and desires to thank you for so kindly attending to her wishes in the distribution of the means placed at your disposal. Hoping that you may be abundantly blessed in the good work to which you are called, I am

Yours respectfully,  
A. L. Gilbert.

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Idaho Springs, Jan. 26th, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I received your note from New York. I am anxious to hear something definite. My money will soon be all spent for board and so forth, and not knowing anything definite about things makes the situation unpleasant. As soon as you get this please write to Black Hawk so that I may get it on my return hither the last of the week, i. e., if you have not already done so.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date, I remain,  
Yours, etc.,

Wm. M. Campbell.

Ans

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Longmont, Colorado, Jan. 27, 75.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We have had several meetings as regards consolidation, and our decision is now that you or someone else of the Committee visit us, for the purpose of looking into the matter to see what is wise and best. The time fixed on for such visit is the 14th of February. It is the time of our next communion service. Please come out Thursday or Friday night previous.

We are now in the midst of some Union services, and we rejoice to say that there is a good degree of interest. The Lord seems to be in our midst by the power of His Holy Spirit. Our trust is that there are already many inquirers. Unite your prayers with ours that every soul in Longmont may be regenerated. Bro. Milnes and I are visiting from house to house, praying alternately in each family. Last evening in the prayer meeting there was much contrition of soul.

There is also a good degree of religious interest at Nederland and Caribon. Oh that the fires be kindled upon the Lord's altar never to be extinguished.

Fraternally, etc.,

W. P. Teitsworth .

Please put the following names on your list of sub-



cribers:

Mrs. M. L. McCashir  
Pella, Col.  
Mrs. Carra A. Coulson  
Longmont  
J. A. Cochran  
Longmont  
S. F. Rannalls  
Longmont.

Hope to report more soon. Let us hear by return  
mail. -----

Ans.

Gold Hill & Sunshine.

Salina, Boulder Co. Colorado,  
Jan. 28, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Resp. Sir:

Mrs. Reedy says you wish me to inform you as to the distances between the mining camps of this region. Having been to Gold Hill you know its whereabouts. Sunshine is 2 or 3 miles east of it on the Old road to Boulder. Population 100 to 200.

Salina is 2 1/2 miles down Gold Run from G. H. towards Boulder near 4 mile creek. Population about 100. It is 1 mile from Sunshine. By foot trail across Sugar Loaf Mountain to Middle Boulder 10 miles. From Gold Hill to Ward 7 miles. 100 or 200 population. Snyders road (toll) runs from the mouth of Gold Run, 1/2 mile below Salina, to Gold Hill 2 1/2 miles to Sunnyside 4 1/2 miles (by branch to Ward) from Sunnyside to Middle Boulder 8 miles.

Mrs. Wood with son (Pres. Dutch Reformed) at Sunshine. Perhaps more there. Have Methodist and Episcopal services. Ourselves only Presbyterians here. 1 or 2 Methodists. No services yet. Chambers only Presbyterian at Gold Hill. Mother gone East. Mr. Campbell preaches there occasionally--don't know about Ward.

We are getting along here, having built and moved, quite as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Reedy sends regards, and we all send thanks to Mrs. Jackson for her kindness.

Yours respectfully,

John R. Reedy.

P. S. Methodist circuit. Middle Boulder, Caribon, Gold Hill and Sunshine and perhaps Salina.

Also Episcopal to Sunshine and I think Gold Hill.  
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Boulder, January 29, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

If you can possibly come up and stay over night with me any time next week, do so and you will render great assistance to a lonely christian brother, who is fighting a desperate battle against great odds. I have never been able for a moment to doubt as to whether I have done right thus far, or as to whether or not the Lord Jesus was on my side. The town is in great commotion, but I have taken a dignified straightforward christian course, and attended to my business, keeping quiet except in my pulpit last Sunday I showed that an association of pastors certainly were privileged if they doubted whether one of their number believed and preached the same gospel as the remainder, to ask in a gentlemanly and christian manner if he did. Then that the Congregational pastor did not stand with us. That he stood with Drs. Bushnell and Taylor. Then I contrasted their doctrines on the atonement and justification with the Orthodox views and with all the power in me showed B. & T. unscriptural and if any man attempted to get into Heaven on their plan he was sure to land in Hell.

A petition is circulating in the town designed for the American B. H. M., endorsing and claiming the Congregational pastor as Evangelical. It is being signed by Unitarians, Universalists, Spiritualists and those who have no faith, and those members of his church who agree with him and those who are still deceived by him. Still my adherents are not a few and they are the best christians of the place.

The Episcopal and Methodist ministers and myself are holding a union meeting and I cannot get away. A few conversions, and prospects good.

If you cannot come let me know what day you will be at home and I will try to come down.

Yours fraternally,

J. E. Anderson.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Georgetown, Col. Jan 30, '75.

Dear Brother:

We are expecting to occupy our new church temporarily sometime in February, perhaps. If notified in time can you pay us a visit on that occasion? I would be pleased to have you and would like to have you come prepared to preach once.

Very truly,  
D. H. Mitchell.



Longmont, Colorado.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

February 1st, 1875.

Yours of the 30th ult. finds me at home in the midst of a precious meeting. Evidently the Lord is mercifully breathing upon us. His people here, all but the Congregationalists, are all alive. Unite in praying for us and with us. This town needs the power of God's Holy Spirit.

Will now give you just what we have done in the way of consolidation. Our action is as follows:

"We, as a session, are willing that an impartial committee, made up alike of Congregationalists and Presbyterians, shall be invited to Longmont, whose business it shall be to arrange this whole matter, even to the deciding on the Denominational name of the church, and we pledge ourselves, in good faith, to abide in their decision."

Now, this is "eminently fair and honorable". So says Dr. Kendall, in a letter to me a few days since.

But the truth is, my dear Bro., I fear, the Congregationalists here do not wish to unite on any terms, except it be that we come over wholly to them.

The fact is they pressed us into the above action, and then did all they could to make it appear that we were the responsible party in not reaching the consolidation of the two churches. And now we want to push this matter to a conclusion, and put ourselves in a good light before the community, and of course you are the proper party to come over and help us to do this.

Understand now, at the Union meeting of the Deacons of the Congregational church and the Elders of our church it was agreed that one of each of the Con. Com. be invited to come out and help us in our decision--in helping us to come to some definite conclusion. Bro. Mead says that Bro. Sturtivant wrote him that you were so utterly opposed to consolidation that nothing could be done. Therefore it was useless to move--useless for him to come out. Do hope you are not in the way of our proposal.

The congregationalists have moved in the way of consolidation only from a selfish motive. They have no heart in consolidation. They moved in view of making us the responsible party in order that they could have a good report to their Boards, and to this end only. They are now at work at a church building--moving slowly. This does not look much like union.

Neither does their standing aloof from our meetings look much like it. In the midst of our meeting they had a donation party for Bro. Williams, and there was not a prayer offered, nor even a blessing asked at the table, and this does not look much like union.

But notwithstanding all, we must push the matter now



to a definite conclusion, and the responsibility of not consolidating must rest just where it properly belongs.

Do not fail to come according to your statement in the other letter.

Much obliged for all your brotherly sympathy and kind aid in our work. God abundantly bless you in return.

Fraternally &c,

W. P. Teitsworth.

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Dear Bro. Jackson:

Could you not just as well assist me in the organization of a church at Erie the 5th of March instead of the 20th of February? My work is so extensive and pressing that I do not see now how I will be able to get around to it by the 20th of this month.

Next Sabbath we have communion at Longmont. The Lord has some precious souls whom He is leading to unite with us on this occasion. And still there are others who are thoughtful. He is gently leading them too into the fold. Blessed be his holy name.

If we arrange for the 5th of March, could you not come over to Erie as early as the Friday before and give us a few sermons? Believe it would be for the Master's glory. He might glorify himself by sending refreshing. At any rate He could use us for his glory.

Our building at Longmont still goes forward. We will have it soon ready for the roof, if the weather favors.

Fraternally &c.,

W. P. Teitsworth.

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Monument, Col., February 1, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Sir:

Quite a refreshing shower of Divine Grace has been falling here in which some eleven or twelve have been hopefully converted. The meetings were conducted by Father Dyer but he was assisted more by those of other denominations than by the Methodists, and among the converts are three whom I think will join the Presbyterian Church if they have an opportunity; perhaps one or two more.

Among this number is myself. I trust that henceforward I shall ever be found working for Christ and would prefer doing so in the Church of my fathers if possible, though under the circumstance here--no preacher, no church save in name--and so far as we could see no prospects, I almost felt tempted to join the Methodist church at once.

As matters now stand here, the Methodists are the only denomination that has any preaching at all, and they only once



in two weeks. There is certainly unusual feeling among the people on the subject of religion. The Sabbath School is run almost entirely now by Presbyterian teachers and officers. The Prayer meeting will be largely under the influence of the same. There is a Presbyterian organization here, so much for the place.

I know our weakness, as far as supporting a minister is concerned. I appreciate the embarrassments of the Home Mission Board--yet cannot but feel that something should be done to hold what has been done here and shall await with anxiety your reply which will determine the action that several will take I presume. Mr. Dunlap's people are all well and those whom you met here generally.

I have been laid up for some days with Scarlet Fever but am now so far recovered that I am engaged in my work again partially.

Yours very truly, A. T. Blachly.

Dear Bro. Jackson: Fairplay, February 2, 1875.

Your letter received last night. You did not say anything about the draft of \$250 I sent you to deposit in the savings bank. I am therefore a little concerned about it to know if it was merely an oversight or you had not received it with the first letter.

The religious interest continues. It is all quiet, no sensation or great demonstration. Seed is being sown which at least will bring forth fruit, if not now at some future time. One man of good staunch temperance principles, a man honored in society, has come out boldly and spoke last night for the first time; about a dozen in all have manifested a desire to love God. Some eight or nine are very hopeful. Three or four that have professed christianity before have been warmed up and I hope will join at our communion in March. A good many attend every night. (Meetings three times a week.) They do not come through curiosity or to see excitement, but I believe are being leavened as is the whole community. It is quite a tax on me to sustain the meetings, as I have no help only as I press in the laymen. I thought last week of writing to you for some aid if it could be possible. Then I thought as long as the interest continued in this quiet way it might be better, especially as long as I hold out. We are now all working together. Two Methodists take part every night. The Lord is our sufficiency after all. We could hardly think of leaving here permanently under a year or so, for some way we feel it would hardly be safe to trust it in other hands until it assumes more permanency. My health is good. But sometimes it seems as if, if Mrs. Finks could get away for a while it would be to her advantage. Another summer I intend to have a carriage



for my horse so we can take a vacation in rustivating. Also I want to preach more at our stations which I can't well do now. There is a new P. O. called South Park twenty - seven miles from here where they have built a good school-house for church and school purposes, and have expressed a great desire that a minister should come and preach to them. I have just sent for a bell to St. Louis. The money is raised. The man who promised bell originally failed. But now it's sure.

Reply soon to my first inquiry, and oblige,

Yours in love,

D. E. Finks.

There is some prospect that it would be expedient to build a cheap church in Alma another season. Not much can be done without one. But to do it well a man needs to attend to that field alone.

Salt Lake, February 2, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Glad to hear of your safe return from the East, and am pleased to know that the Secretaries favor two or three new men for Utah.

I wrote them immediately on the reception of your letter, asking for the commissioning of Bro. McMillan. I got a letter from Marshall a day or two ago. He lays a good deal of the blame of his not coming on the Secretaries. He says he packed his traps the first of October and waited until the middle of December for his Commission; and then they sent him word that a bare living, could be given him.

Just then, he says, sickness took place in the family, and he being the only son, he would have been compelled to return had he been in Utah, and so he guesses it is all Providential after all.

Who will he get for Alta & Bingham? Pierce's brother has come and taken up residence in Bingham--Arthur Pierce. I have'nt been to Ogden yet. The fact of the case is, I have'nt been in a condition to leave home on account of my trouble. I hope I am improving slowly, but still it is inconvenient for me to be away over night. I wrote up to Peebles, and also talked with him while here, and I think we will not lose anything, by postponing the initiation of our work there until May or June. Pierce readily consented that I should preach up there in their church, but he says Gillspie can't; he did'nt use him like a Christian brother at Corinne.

I guess we had better not ask too many favors. We had quite an interesting series of prayer meetings during the week of prayer, and at the communion following, one united on profession and four by letter. We have good attention, at all our services, and I think our congregation has doubled



perhaps, since going into our new building. Our folks are all well. We have had a delightful winter. No cold weather yet.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson and the children. I see the Illinois Gentlemen don't respond rapidly to the calls of the Denver vacant church.

Yours fraternally,  
Josiah Welch.

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Georgetown, February 2, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I will write to N. Y. Ladies Society as you suggest. I return you Bro. Spillman's letter. Spillman was I suppose a classmate. We have received inventory of the box sent by Mt. Holly Church. Box not yet received. Wife and baby supplies, if the articles are good. I am left in the cold cold so far as two suits of clothes are concerned. To supply me with two suits will be cash articles, which I judge the Butler church would not undertake. I will need a black suit and every day suit--am supplied with underwear, etc.--I am driven close for funds. Should my salary be paid I would be willing to make a donation to one of the Boards. If it runs short, as it may--and will. If you could help me to some clothing it would be acceptable. I can not wear my poorer clothes here than where I was in Ohio. My black suit is on its fourth year's duty. From what I know of Spillman, his second hand overcoat would not answer my purpose, and besides, Mt. Holly have sent one. The Mt. Holly ladies ask me to help them by writing another letter. I think I will.

If we were a united church there would be no difficulty with salary. We are coming together I hope. Mitchell and family are here.

Bro. John L. Gage.

P. S. I will send Spillman's letter to Bro. Henry. Shall I send you my measure?

C/O Canon City Church.

Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa.

Indiana, February 3, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Dear Sir:

As you requested I drop you a line to say that our little benefaction and this letter start upon their journey in the same mail. May God's blessing go with the draft of one hundred dollars that we may be encouraged to send more aid to those that are planting the standard of the Cross on our cheerless frontier.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. James Sutton,  
Cor. Sec.



Mrs. C. Van Der Vern. \$25.00  
 Mrs. R. L. Stewart. \$25.00  
 Mrs. W. P. Teitsworth. \$50.00

Chicago, February 3, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
 Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find draft for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) payable to your order, which I am directed by Mrs. McCormick to say is intended for the relief of those three ladies of whom you spoke to her.

Please acknowledge the receipt to her at #62 Sheldon St.

Respectfully,  
 David E. Bradley,  
 Clerk.

Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Lancaster, February 4, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your letter and postal card received. Am sorry to trouble you so much (although every communication from you affords pleasure particularly when it contains such joyful intelligence of deep interest, or unusual religious interest etc.)

I presume you were from home as you are prompt in replying, but when so many weeks passed and no answer, sister thought it might have been lost, and that I had better send a card. Am very glad it reached you. Hereafter I will have stronger faith and trust my heavenly Father for he has watched over several letters containing money to his dear servants.

The money you can use where and in the way it will do most good, or most needed. I pray God will deepen and extend that religious interest until multitudes are brought in to the Ark of safety. Does Mrs. Fanny McNair (Rev. Solomon McNair's widow) get the Presbyterian? If not will you please send her one paper which may contain an account of some of the Mission Churches and their want of means? I would like her to be President of our Home Mission Society.

I will subscribed for this year for a copy of the Rocky Mt. Presbyterian for Mrs. Rebecca Nauman, West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Pa., and send you \$1.12 when I send a draft again which I hope will be in a few months.

I earnestly desire an interest in your prayers for my oldest brother, a Judge in Illinois,--a very moral man, kind and generous, but not pious. He has been bereft of



three lovely daughters, and about a year since his oldest son, a lovely christian who had been practicing medicine about one year successfully, was taken off suddenly with congestion of the bowels, away from home, aged 23. This last bereavement I fear is hardening his heart; and to forget it he is more absorbed in business. My dear brother has been sorely afflicted, but if he only would view his afflictions as Fatherly chastisements, to wean him from the world. Oh, dear sir, pray that he may see his sin and turn to God.

With affectionate remembrance to Mrs. Jackson, I remain,

Your sister in Christ,

Anna M. Dal.

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Canon City, Colorado, Feb. 5, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

My dear Brother:

Many thanks for your interest in us and your words and marks of sympathy. We have had rather a serious time of it. Only two weeks after my wife's confinement, our nurse, whom we had to get ten miles from here was called away by the sickness of her family, and we have found it impossible to get help of any kind since. So the cares of the family have rested on me personally. I had my hands full day and night. With God's good help the children are nicely recovering, and I hope my wife will now soon regain her wonted strength.

I had a notice from the Board a couple of days ago, signed by O. E. Boyd, that they had increased the appropriation \$100., which makes it \$600. Our chapel has not progressed very well. Our principal drawback has been, the non-delivery of the lumber all of which is not yet on the ground, though ordered two months ago. The weather has been against us also, but I hope we will now have a favorable permanent change. The foundation has been let, and they will break ground next Monday. I hope it will not be long now before we shall be housed. I have not yet forwarded an application to the Church Erection fund, because the Committee here have not yet exhausted the field, which I insist shall be done before we ask for aid outside.

The building will be cheap but neat, and I expect to build so that whatever is done shall be available always and worthy of improvement. The inside we shall paper and calsomine, which will do well enough until we can lath and plaster. I have written two or three times endeavoring to get a circular and price list of the Rock River Paper Co's goods, but everybody sends me F. W. Davis & Co's list. May I ask you to try and find what I want. I want felt paper for the inside. From experience I know this as the softest and most yielding paper made to be the best for inside walls.



Can you also get for me a cut or sample of a real good, handy window fastening? At home I have a fastening like enclosed cut which is admirable. It works on the principle of a wedge put on the sash. If that can be got in Denver, I shall be satisfied.

When does Presbytery meet?

With kindest remembrances to your family from my wife and myself, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Chr. Van Der Vern.

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Fairplay, February 6, 1876.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Friend:

I have written another sketch at your request. You will see that I have made use of an incident which you suggested to me once.

I have also used the character of the child, and incidents which occurred in her illness, who died in Alma last Fall, whom Mr. Finks knew and buried. Perhaps it may add to the interest of story were you to add something to the effect that it is founded on fact.

The meetings continue in interest. Three more have evinced a desire to live a christian life. The work is a very gradual one.

I have been weaker, and not so well the past week. Suffer often from most distressing feeling in the head. Particularly when I lie down. It is not a pain, but seems to be more like a sudden whirl. Have also had one or two attacks of palpitation of heart.

But, although a change would doubtless be beneficial I cannot feel that we ought to leave Fairplay permanently, as yet. It really seems as if our work here were only begun.

I trust the Lord will provide a way, so that we may perhaps leave for a few weeks.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. N. V. Finks.

P. S. Should you think of a better subject for the sketch than I have given it, please change.

N. V. F.

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Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 8, 1876.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your Beynten-Cooper note is at hand. I suppose Cooper makes a big parade over the Appeal to General Assembly. I don't feel like going out of the way very far to gather facts for that Com. We must try and have a good affidavit or two, to paste on to Bro. Wells' Appeal, however. If I can



see Norcross, I will try and get him to make a written, qualified statement to what he told me. They are so outlandish however, that no man with the least pride would make.

We have been trying our best to loan money enough to pay off the contractor, T. R. Jones, whom we owe \$6,000 yet. We have a thousand and over on our paper yet which is not collected. Money has been so tight, it has been impossible to collect anything. But we want \$5,000. Our trustees think I had better go East again, and try to borrow it. I don't like it, but I don't see anything better. Have you anything to suggest? If I go, I would like to go about March 1st. Will McFarland be here then? I must have somebody to take my place. Have you any suggestions to make? Let me hear from you. In the event I go East, we must have the meeting of Presbytery before I go. The work goes on smoothly. We are having large congregations. Mrs. Nayden is singing for us gratuitously. She draws heavier than I do. I am feeling pretty well lately--all well. Regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours,  
Brother Welch.

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Bingham Canon, Feb. 10, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We are at work in the canon and things are prospering. The church building has been newly papered and whitewashed by some of the people. There is more interest in Church matters now. Much attention paid to singing as I have introduced Moody and Sankey's Hymns. Our meetings are well attended. The Sabbath School is bad in attendance though nearly 100 are on the roll.

This is the fifth week of the day school which averages forty-eight scholars. This in an agency in which I can influence many non-church going families. Also get close to many of the Mormon children who are kept away from Sunday School by their parents.

The Board was asked for \$800 on my Commission, and only allowed me \$700, but by way of a compromise sent me on the first instalment ahead \$175. last December.

My Commission is dated November 20th, and I am now looking for the next allowance soon after the 20th of the month. I think the Board ought to pay the other instalment in advance. It is dear living here. My means very limited and the expense of the westward journey of 1500 miles was wholly paid by myself. Moreover, I have some debts to pay which are due 1st March next, and I cannot meet them if the Board does'nt send on my allowance punctually. Can you influence them a little in this good cause--for by helping the laborer you help the work. I will send in my report for the quarter next week.



The climate here is comparatively mild. It has'nt been down to zero yet. Bro. Welch has been quite sick with the ague, but wrote me this week that he was getting better of it.

Hoping to have a word from you soon,  
Your brother in Christ,  
Geo. R. Bird.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
New York City.

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Greeley, Colorado, Feb. 12, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I send you a copy of the First Report of the Union Colony of Greeley. I had some little trouble in finding a copy, and hence the delay. You will find the date of the Organization of the Congregational Church on page 38. You will find in the pamphlet all the most important information in reference to the Colony.

I am truly glad Dr. Willis Lord is in Denver. Should he remain he will be a great acquisition to Presbyterianism in Colorado. I would like to see him take hold of your new University of Denver.

In January we had a very interesting communion season. Six persons, heads of families united with the church.

We have some religious interest among us. We are holding meetings every night in the Methodist church, attended by all denominations. Quite a number remain for religious conference and prayer. Some half a dozen or more remained last night of our congregation.

We hope the Lord has a blessing in store for us. We greatly need the prayers of our brethren.

I am yours truly in Christ,

R. G. Thompson.

P. S. February 13th. We had a good meeting last night. The interest seems to be chiefly centered in our church.

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Idaho, Colorado, February 12, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I enclose the two letters of acknowledgment. As I did not remove permanently to Idaho until a week ago I did not get your letters until day before yesterday; hence the delay in writing. Please accept my thanks yourself also for selecting me as the recipient of this latter donation.

There is one thing I forgot to have settled at the time, and have forgotten to mention to you every time I saw you since, and that is, the payment of my share of the carriage you hired on the evening of Bro. Gage's wedding. I shall feel better when that is satisfactorily settled.



As soon as you get word from the Cleveland man please let me know the result.

Yours in Christ,  
Wm. M. Campbell.

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Trinidad, February 15, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Am glad to know you think enough of Colorado to return, and am especially glad to hope to see you here. Please try to arrange so as to spend a Sabbath here. I think you can do us good and perhaps help me to remain here permanently. In any event you must stop over a day or two.

I knew the "list" was long which you had for a "Miss. box" but a N. Y. Church had refused us because we made one too short. And the pastor from Allentown had written me urging me to be free and frank, and I wrote him telling him I did not expect his church to fill the entire bill, but to let the ladies select what they chose.

I will write to the church at Marshall, Michigan. The pastor, Rev. F. M. Woods, is an old Dayton Presbyterian man--was settled two miles from Franklin and I have visited him since he went to Marshall, and preached for him.

His wife was raised near Franklin, and her parents are as good friends as Mrs. G. and I have in Ohio. Her father's an elder. So I presume they will be very glad to be put in correspondence with us.

I will not burden them with too long a list and if the church you refer to and whose name you have forgotten make up a box it will be ready for next winter.

A Sunday School was raising me \$200, but it is doubtful whether the Board will allow it to apply on the amount of appropriation which they could not grant as the Sunday School has written them of it.

I wish you had something for Brother Henry to do.

Bro. John L. Gage.

P. S. Willie was very sick last week, but is up now and will probably be well in a day or two.

What have you been doing. I have looked and looked for your name in the paper, but in vain.

Our ladies have organized a Missionary Society in connection with their Sewing Society.

I wish Mrs. Jackson could visit us. Regards to her and the children.

The Georgetown Church have also organized a Home Missionary Society in connection with their sewing society.

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Ft. Collins, Larimer Co. Colorado,  
February 16, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

You would have heard from me before this but I expected to be in Denver a month or two ago. I have now about come to the conclusion that I won't be able to get there any more for lack of funds, as the church here is not paying me anything at all and I do not think they can at present, at least. We did not quite freeze up, but came very near it though I do not think it was quite as cold here as in Denver.

Mrs. Patterson's health has not been at all good this winter and at present she is just recovering from an attack of "chicken-pox". The disease seems to have affected her lungs considerably, as they are paining worse since she took sick.

Church matters are very dull. We had one addition and two more are what might be called the anxious enquirers' list, who will unite with the church I think at our next communion.

I have been rather of the opinion for some time past that it might be better for me to leave Collins and let some other person try it, as I find that the influences that were operating when I came here are still at work and doing mischief. If I thought any other person could come in under more favorable auspices I would be glad to go to some other field if there are any vacancies.

A pulpit suit would come very good to me in the Spring as by that time I shall be pretty much in need of one.

I will try what I can do in the way of procuring subscribers at the amount named for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. I do not know that I have much taste for newspaper writing. Perhaps I shall make an attempt.

Fraternally yours,  
Joseph Patterson.

Willowbrook, February 16, 1875.

Dear Christian Friend and Brother:

It always gives me pleasure to receive a letter from you; and yours of February 1st was gladly welcomed. My heart responds to all that you say of the school at Bozeman. I mentioned the subject to one of the Vice Presidents of our society, and she agrees with me that it is desirable to do all that we can to sustain a Protestant school at Bozeman, and not to relax our efforts there. It was a disappointment to me when Miss Crittenden moved to Hamilton, but if a suitable house can be procured for her at Bozeman I presume she will be happy to return there. I believe in holding on to what we undertake "though with evil and good result", unless some change should occur which clearly indicates the will of Providence that we should



strike our tents and move on. Yesterday I received a letter from Miss Graham, saying that she had received a visit from Mr. . I do not know where this gentleman is settled, but I presume you will know. Miss. Graham said he spoke highly of Miss Crittenden, and urged the erection of building at Bozeman. So the Spirit is moving other hearts to visit at Bozeman. I will lay this matter before our society. Our field, the army, is so large and our income so small, that we cannot pledge more than two hundred dollars for the Bozeman school, but we have a stock of school books on hand there what cost us \$200, and a piano which cost with transportation, between four and five hundred dollars; so that we have already quite an interest in the school at Bozeman. My plan would be to let the Ladies Board of Missions support the teacher. This they can easily do, I think, as many societies in connection with the Ladies Board are very much interested in Miss Crittenden; and let our society use its influence to obtain school apparatus and such things as we get from our friends in the trade without much outlay of money. We can get stationery, maps, globes, slates, etc., and we can keep on helping in this enterprise until the school shall become self-sustaining. We may be able also to raise something towards the building, but I cannot give any pledges until after the meeting of our society on the fifteenth of April, at Albany.

I thank you, dear brother, for your generous offer to visit the Military Posts and Missions stations between Pueblo and El Paso. I wrote at once to the Postmaster General thinking it would be in his power to get a pass for you, as he makes the contracts for carrying the mail with the stage proprietors. I hope to receive a favorable answer, but if I do not get a pass from this source, I will try some other way.

My great anxiety is to do Christian work at our Missionary Posts. # Gen. Upton has spoken with the President on this subject. He said a chaplain could be detailed for this duty. Now we need to have a good earnest christian man found who can receive the appointment of Chaplain with instructions to visit a certain number of Posts; ascertain the state of religion; organize Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings among the soldiers. I suppose his duties would be something like a Methodist Circuit Preacher's, or a Presiding Elder. There ought to be several earnest chaplains in each Military Department. In the Department of the Missouri there are twenty-two or twenty-four Military Posts, and so on in each Department--a certain number--where there are no religious services. Can you recommend a good man, and one who can sing as well as preach, for the appointment of Missionary Chaplain. Please let me know your views on this subject. Gen. and Mrs. Alexander have returned to Ft. Union. They will be happy to see you there. I return Miss



Crittenden's letter with many thanks. Very truly yours,  
Cornelia W. Martin.

# Did I send you a copy of Gen. Howard's letter on this subject?

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Georgetown, Colorado, Feb. 16, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Our Treasurer--Co.-- said he would send you tax list, etc.--suppose he has--. He knew you personally. The tax was due January 1st, but he said he would not add the two percent a month.

We have received a box from Mt. Holly, N. J. A very nice box indeed. Everything new, and all just what we would have purchased if we had been furnishing ourselves.

Everything mentioned in my list for wife and baby was there.

A very nice overcoat was sent me. Shall I expect someone to cover my back. I will need a suit or two.

If churches are willing to give in that way I may be able to relieve the Board, or help some forlorn missionary, i.e. if my Church comes up in the salary line. I think they will fall behind \$200 at least if not \$400. The trustees are trying to bring it up, but you know the circumstances --\$200 behind on collections. Had a very pleasant communion last Sabbath.

Board of Church Election have granted us \$500.

Regards, etc.,

John L. Gage.

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Longmont, Colorado.

February 17th, 1875.

Glorious news from Longmont.

The Lord has done great things for his people here at Longmont for which they are glad. He has come down in their midst by his Holy Spirit, and has given them a most precious season of Revival. And now their humble acknowledgment to God is, "Not unto us, but unto thy name be all the glory".

And just here let me trace the origin of this precious season of refreshing. About two months ago, a Congregational lady propounded to me the question, "Why do not christian people appoint a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, as they used to do down in New England"? My answer of course was that it ought to be done. And in view of two things before the churches here, the day was fixed on, and properly observed by at least a part of God's people. The things alluded to were the consolidation of the Congregational and the Presbyterian churches, which cannot



take place because the Congregationalists will not consolidate, and union protracted services, which were agreed to in ministers' meeting. The day was announced publicly by myself, and the Methodist minister, and I hope religiously observed by all our people.

And now what is the result. As soon as these union meetings commenced it was apparent that the Holy Spirit was present in our midst. He poured upon us all the spirit of prayer and supplication. And still he continues his glorious renewing and reviving work. Already there are six precious souls who have made a good profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Three of them have united with the M. E. Church and three with ours. Four souls have also united with us by letter, and in this way there are as many or more to unite with the M. E. Church. And still there are others inquiring what they must do to be saved.

The Rev. C. G. Milnes, the Methodist minister, a man full of the Holy Ghost, and myself have visited and prayed in nearly every family in and around Longmont. We have been received kindly by nearly all. Some few families closed the door against us, but so it is; we can only feel sad for them; knowing that they have blindly locked the door of their hearts against the Saviour. "For as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

The refreshing season which we are now enjoying is the very first of the kind in the history of Longmont. Our earnest prayer is that it may not be the last. Our growth is depending altogether upon such showers of blessing.

The spirit of church-building is just now being fully aroused in our town. At a Congregational meeting last Monday a building committee was appointed, whose business it should be to go right forward and put up a house of worship. And, indeed, out of gratitude to God we ought now arise and build, for during the past six months He has nearly doubled the membership of our little church, making our membership nearly forty, and still there are others to unite with us.

Fraternally, &c.,  
W. P. Feltsworth.

February 19, 1875 .

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Mount Ayr, Iowa,

Dear Sir:

You will pardon the liberty I have taken in addressing you, but necessity compels me to write to some one for assistance, and Bro. Boag of Aton referred me to you; also said he would write to you in my behalf. Perhaps you were acquainted with my husband, Rev. S. A. McElhinney. He died a year ago last January. He was a member of Des Moines Presby-



tery, and I refer you to the members for my information. I have six helpless children to care and provide for. The Relief Fund granted me \$400 this last year, and it is with strict economy I can make both ends meet. My husband left us a little home, but the home is nothing but a shell; there is no plastering on it, and no foundation under it. The cellar is dug so it is all open underneath and it is for help to finish my home I write. No one knows what we have and are suffering this cold winter. Could you in any way get me means to make our home more comfortable? I had a friend make an estimate of what he thought it would cost to plaster and fix a foundation, and he said it would take nearly \$300. Bro. Boag said you knew of wealthy friends East who would help me if they knew of my situation. Bro. Randolph of Bedford Co., Iowa can tell you how uncomfortable my home is. I have no one to look to for help, but to God and the Presbyterian Church, in whose cause my husband labored and died. I will feel myself under lasting gratitude to you if you will help me in my great need. I shall wait anxiously for a reply for I know not where next to apply for aid.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. S. A. Mc Elhinney.

Central City, Colorado, Feb. 19, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your favor of the 13th inst. came duly to hand and in reply will say that the enclosed is a true transcript of all the proceedings had by the Churches in the matter referred to, hastily copied by myself from the files of Secretary of the church.

As to the charge of dishonesty made against us, I am not at all surprised and only wonder that there has been so little said about it here. If a correct and full account of the entire proceedings as they transpired at the Meeting of the so-called Committee of Conference had been made it would show much more plainly than it does who were honest and fair and who not. But Mr. Bur all who acted as the Secretary of that meeting found it convenient because (as he said) the proceedings were somewhat informal to omit much of the matter most important to our side showing a willingness on our part to Compromise and Modify so as to arrive at something satisfactory as a basis of our Consolidation or union, but found an opposite spirit manifested by a majority of their Committee present. The proposition for Union came particularly from them in the shape of a formal request to our church to raise a Committee of Conference on the subject to meet alike Committee from their church which was done, as they were the movers. We asked them to submit a proposition to us embodying their plans whereupon they submitted their preamble and plan of Union of the services. Our Committee took



that and knowing that we could not adopt that we drew up a counter proposition to submit to them, and we then fixed a time for a meeting of the two Committees in Conference on the subject. We were immediately given to understand that there were to be no changes, modifications or anything but that we must either take what Sam Cashman had dictated, or nothing. After considerable conversation of a desultory character, seeing that there was neither reason, fairness, nor honesty in their action, in order to fully test the integrity of their actions we proposed to them to strike out of their preamble that portion setting forth that the Members of the churches and the community were unable, disinclined or unwilling to support two churches, giving as our reasons that it was untrue in regard to our church, and we believed it to be untrue in regard to the community. They insisted that they could not submit to the least modification of the statement. We then asked them if they would insert in their paper that they would accept Mr. Gage as Pastor of the affiliated churches for one year instead of that they would extend a call to him, giving as a reason for it that he was already installed pastor of our church and we did not wish to disturb that relation. To this they insisted that they could not change or modify their proposition. We then offered if other things could be made satisfactory to allow the United Congregations to determine by vote where the services should be held and that we would leave it for them to say whether it should be a simple majority or a two-thirds majority to determine. To this they would not listen, but simply said that Mr. Cashman, who was a member of their Committee, and had aided in getting up their proposition, was not there to sanction or disapprove any alteration they might make and that they could not make any without his presence. Seeing that Mr. Cashman was the dictator and that Mr. Burrell and Mr. Rogers were simply automatons to do his bidding, and he being twenty miles away, we gave up the job, satisfied that the effort on their part from first to last was not honest, so after agreeing informally that a copy of each proposition should be given to each church for filing, we adjourned as Burrell says, Sine die. Now it seems to me the dishonesty boot is on the other foot, and that they were simply measuring our Committee in their half bushel. The whole thing was a farce and seemed to be gotten up by them for capital to be used in the community, and it failed them the tables being turned, hence the disappointment and charge of dishonesty. Mr. Baxter who was chairman of their Committee, was in earnest and acted in good faith all the time and was much disgusted with the childish position taken by the others and he will certify to the correctness of this brief statement if necessary. When the Congregational Conference met here a few months ago such men as                      and Thompson expended a good deal of gas and crocodile sympathy for the



faithful ones of the Central Church on account of their bad treatment received from the Presbyterians.

Use this letter as you please. All well.

Yours,

A. J. Van Deren.

Duplicate. (COPY.)

Central City, C. T. Sept. 21st, 1874.

At a meeting of the Committee heretofore appointed by the Congl. Church of this City to confer with a like Committee of the Presbyterian Church held this evening at the house of Samuel Cushman; it was unanimously voted: That this Committee subscribe to and submit to the Committee of the Presbyterian for joint ratification the following proposition in duplicate, one for the files of each church.

(Preamble &

Proposition of the Committee from the Congl. Church submitted for ratification by us--)

At a meeting of the Committees of Conference appointed by the Presbyterian Church and the Congl. Church of this City, consisting on the part of the Presbyterian Church of Messrs. John C. McShane, Wm. McFarlan, A. J. Van Deren, Charles Berry and James Greelee and on the part of the Congl. Church of Messrs. E. K. Baxter, A. N. Rogers, L. H. Wolcott, Saml. Cashman and James Burrell to consider the desirability and feasibility of uniting or consolidating the two churches, the two said Committees are unanimously of the opinion that from the present peculiar situation of the two Churches and the inability of disinclination of their respective members and this community to support two churches so nearly alike in their forms and mode of worship and from the greater and more important reason that they could if united exert a more healthful religious influence in the community than it seems possible for them to accomplish each in its separate house of worship.-- That therefore it is desirable on the part of both Churches, if practicable to unite in some way in their religious services and Sabbath Schools in the support of the same, and to this first proposition the undersigned cheerfully and heartily subscribe.

(Signed)

E. K. Baxter

Samuel Cashman

A. N. Rogers

Luther H. Wolcott

James Burrell

Committee of Congl. Church.

It was then on motion voted unanimously that the Committee of the Congregational Church appointed to confer



with the Committee of the Presbyterian Church in reference to the consolidation or union of the two churches propose the following plan for Union services; towit:

Each church and society shall maintain its organization as heretofore having exclusive charge of its respective property, and performing all acts in relation thereto as if no Union services were maintained; that each church receive and dismiss members as usual; that each society control its own property and provide for the payment of its debts, that the affiliated churches and societies shall act together in all matters pertaining to the Union services and to their support; that after the affiliation a call be extended to Mr. H. B. Gage to be the Pastor of the affiliated churches for one year and that the Union services be held in the Congregational Church.

(Signed)

James Burrell, Secretary.

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Central City, C. T., Sept. 24th, 1874.

At a meeting of the Committees heretofore appointed by the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of this City, held this evening at the house of E. K. Baxter there were present of the Committee from the Congl. Church E. K. Baxter, A. N. Rogers and James Burrell and of the Committee from the Presbyterian Church J. C. McShane, Wm. A. McFarlan, A. J. Van Deren and James Greenlee. A. N. Rogers was chosen chairman and James Burrell secretary. Mr. Van Deren then in behalf of the Presbyterian Committee presented and read a proposition as a substitute for one hitherto returned not ratified that had been previously presented to them by the Congl. Committee, which substitute was in letters and figures as follows:

At a meeting of the Committees of Conference appointed by the Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Central City, Colorado, consisting of John C. McShane, William O. McFarlan, A. J. Van Deren, Charles Berry and James Greenlee on the part of the Presbyterian Church and E. K. Baxter, A. N. Rogers, S. H. Wolcott, Samuel Cashman and James Burrell on the part of the Congl. Church to consider the advisability and the feasibility of uniting or consolidating the two churches, it was the unanimous opinion of said Committees that the Union of the two churches and Sabbath Schools would tend greatly to promote Christian unity and fellowship, exert a more healthful religious influence in the community and thereby more effectually subserve the common cause of the Master; for this and other important reasons such a union is by us deemed advisable, and to this end we agree to submit to our respective churches for their ratification and adoption the following plan for Union services; towit: Each church and society shall maintain its organization as heretofore, have exclusive charge and con-



trol of its own property, provide for the payment of its own debts, and perform all acts in relation thereto as if no such union services were maintained; that each church receive and dismiss members as usual, that the affiliated churches act together in all things pertaining to the Union services and to the support thereof, and that, this Union when effected shall be for the term of one year, and with the express understanding that Mr. H. B. Gage shall be the pastor of the affiliated churches, he devoting his entire services thereto and that the Union services shall be held for the first six months in the Presbyterian house of worship and at the expiration of that time the place of holding the services for the remainder of the year shall be determined by a majority vote of the joint congregations. This report when adopted shall be signed in duplicate by the Joint Committee and a copy thereof furnished to each church to be filed away with their records.

(Signed) J. C. McShane Wm. O. McFarlan  
A. J. Van Deren James Greenlee  
Committee of Presbyterian Church.

After considerable discussion in which all the members of each Committee present participated, neither proposition being accepted, it was on motion of E. K. Baxter, seconded by W. O. McFarlan, voted that both propositions be received and placed on file. The Committees then adjourned sine die.

(Signed) James Burrell,  
Secretary.

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TELEGRAM

DATED AT Omaha 19 1875  
RECEIVED AT February 19 11:50 A  
Addressed to Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Thus far through Perils and Storms At Cheyenne  
over Sabbath.

D. J. McMillan.

Paid  
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Evans, Colorado, February 21, 1875.  
Dear Brother Jackson:

I had intended writing here. I and Mrs. Stewart at-



tended a Surprise Party at Father Thompson's week before last, being invited by Mr. Annis a friend of ours as also of Mr. Thompson's. The party was quite large and we all spent a very pleasant evening. I think from all I can learn, the Congregationalists are drawing upon the Presbyterian audience but not upon the members, although Mr. Packard is not represented as an extraordinary preacher. He is liked by his people, but not particularly admired.

I think in justice to Father Thompson the rumor was entirely groundless.

We are all well, hope to be helped in our work this Spring. I am in correspondence with quite a number of Presbyterian families who are expecting to come out soon and they represent still others.

Mr. Martin is expected out soon. Our school building is commenced. Our church meetings are quite well attended as also prayer meeting and Sabbath School. We will work and pray and have no idea of giving up the ship. We received very unexpectedly a handsome present on the Christmas tree under the auspices of our church of an envelope with \$75.00, greenbacks. I value it above its financial value as an expression of kindness on the part of the people.

Yours fraternally,  
J. F. Stewart.

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Canon City, Colorado, Feb. 23, 1875.

My dear Brother Jackson:

Many thanks for your kindnesses and the exceedingly prompt attention to the deficiency. You would do for a bishop, and if you treat them all as well I do not wonder that the dependent brethren are anxious to keep their Superintendent of Missions.

I enclose a note from my wife to Mrs. McCormick. She wrote in acknowledgment of that Indiana money sometime ago. We were not a little puzzled to know how that got to us, before we received your note.

I shall be very glad to send you something before long for your paper, though it will not probably be about Missions, concerning which I hardly feel myself entitled to speak.

We have the foundation of our building laid, and have let the carpenter work. We shall push it now as fast as we can, after we get the necessary lumber. We shall need \$400 from the church erection fund, for which I shall now soon make application. I hope there will not be so much delay in getting that as there was in my appropriation. We expect to put the building up for \$1,200. I hope you will be able to help dedicate it before you go to the Assembly.

My health is but so, so. For the last three weeks I have suffered a good deal in my lungs. The confinement



of the Winter and the continued unfavorable weather have told on me. I am feeling a good deal better at present and take courage from the fact that Spring comes nearer every day, though it doesn't look much like it tonight with nearly a foot of snow on the ground. The children are getting as hearty again as formerly.

With our very kind regards to yourself and family,  
I am very truly yours,

Chs. Van Der Vern.

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Pueblo, Colorado, Feb. 25, '75.

Just a word. I propose going East to my family about the 1st of April. Whether I shall return I do not yet know. This church will need a supply. The field should not be neglected. There is a good opportunity to build up a strong and influential church here. The congregations are good--full. Our last communion four were added, three by profession, one by letter. Would like to see you. When will you be this way. Can you spend a Sabbath with us? In going East can I get a pass or half fare ticket over any of the Railroads leading to the States?

Yours in the Gospel,

L. B. Rogers.

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Trinidad, Col. Feb. 25, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your favor of the 22nd came to hand this morning.

The Penitents have frequent days which they observe, in their way, during Lent, but their great day is Good Friday, when they are out in force. If you have an opera glass bring it along, as you may have to take your observations at some distance.

As to the change of my field of labor, I will just say that I am in the Territory to do missionary work, and if the cause, here and elsewhere, can be better served by what is proposed by the Committee, I have no objections to interpose, provided my expenses to a new field are defrayed. I am glad you are coming down, so that we can talk this matter over. Our Session would like to have you spend a Sabbath here. The Session are about arranging with the Southern Methodist people to occupy our place of worship one Sabbath each month, so that I can go to Cacharas on the Sabbath. I expect to administer the Lord's Supper at Cacharas on the 1st Sabbath of March.

Brothers Wilkins and Miller think that matters are in such shape in their improvement company that it is not best at present to organize a church. I am glad you are going to visit the place yourself.



We observed the week of Prayer here (in Trinidad) in a union service, and protracted the services some four weeks.

Christian people were very much revived, a number of persons professed to have found Christ precious to their souls, and quite a spirit of inquiry prevailed in the community, which I trust will yet yield fruit to the glory of God. Four persons have united with the Methodist church on profession of faith, three of whom were baptized. As yet none have united with our church on profession of faith. Our trustees have secured the most suitable hall in town in which to hold our services; and when once comfortably seated will help us very much in securing a good congregation.

Perhaps I had better not have a horse until the matter of my future location is settled. I gave the matter of raising money for the fifty copies of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" into the hands of the Session, but they have done nothing. I will take the matter in hand and do what I can.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children. Hoping to see you soon, I remain

Your brother in Christ,  
J. L. Merritt.

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Salt Lake City, Feb. 26, 1875.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,

My dear Bro:

We shall look for you Monday A. M. Bro. McMillan is here all O. K.

Get, if you can, a good paper or two on the Cooper case. My man, of whom I told you has promised me an affidavit, but I am not sure of getting it. I have written Gillespie to come down Monday. We are well. I have secured the money here, so I don't go East, and I am not sorry.

Yours sincerely,  
Josiah Welch.

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Trinidad, Colorado, Feb. 27, 1875.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:

Dear Sir:

I take this opportunity to write a few lines to let you know how we are getting along in this part of God's heritage. I mean the Presbyterian Church. We with the Methodist held protracted meetings for four weeks in the Methodist Church. These meetings were quite interesting; at the close of them there were four young men joined the Methodist Church. Presbyterian O. We can only account for this blank by considering the almost hatred the people have towards Mr. Merritt. He is, I do believe, a sincere good Christian man, but he appears to drive away in place of



drawing the people to him. He has been making it his business to talk to them on religion wherever he met them that they shun him. Those that were attending the Bible Class do not attend regular. Say they do not like him. We have talked to him about it, but he must be faithful to his God. We have been thinking that if you had some minister in view that in your judgment would take with the people here, we would like to have him come by the first of April and we could have time to know how we would suit him, and how he would take with this community. We could tell what we could give towards his support when we make our report. The outsiders will not do one thing for or toward the support of Mr. Merrit. If you could exchange him for some other man. We have rented a very nice hall for our church purposes joining the United States Hotel. We will have it seated in a few days. The Methodist South will meet in our room once a month for a while, commencing the first Sabbath in March and probably the first of each month for some time. We would be so glad to have you come down and stay two Sabbaths then you could know all about the lay of the land. Please let us hear from you as often as convenient. We want your advice.

Mr. Merrit has been preaching out at the Cucharas occasionally. He was out there last week. He appears rather discouraged about that point, but I suppose he keeps you posted.

Yours truly,  
W. S. Phillips.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Pueblo, Col. March 1, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Denver, Col.

My Dear Bro:

Your postal came to hand Saturday evening. Stage leaves here for Trinidad every morning. It reaches there I am told late in the evening. Shall be glad to see you. When does Presbytery meet, and where? I have a Clergyman's half fare pass over this Railroad and over the U. P. If I could get one over the K. P. it would save me more. Does the D. P. issue such tickets or passes. I neglected to mention that the Stage for Trinidad leaves about six o'clock in the morning. I do not like to leave this church without a supply.

Yours in the Gospel,  
L. B. Rogers.



Overture to the General Assembly to Meet in San Francisco  
1877.

Salt Lake City Utah  
March 1st 1875

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church  
in Session at Cleveland Ohio May 20th 1874

Dear Brethern:

The Presbytery of Utah in Session at Salt Lake City Utah March 1st 1874 Mindful of the benefits which resulted to Presbyterianism in Colorado by the Excursions from the Assemblies of 1871 & 1874

And believing that an excursion to or across the great interior Mission field of our country by representative men of the Church would give a great stimulus to the work of Home Evangelization in general and to the work in this Territory in particular

And believing that the time has come when great interests can be furthered by a Session of the General Assembly at San Francisco California

Therefore we do hereby most respectfully overture Your honorable body to appoint a Committee, who shall consider the expediency and feasibility of a Meeting of the General Assembly at San Francisco in 1877; Said Committee to report at the Session of the General Assembly in 1876

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I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Minute of the Presbytery of Utah, in Session at Salt Lake, A. D. March 1st, 1875.

Josiah Welch  
Stated Clerk.

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Benevolent Work of the Church.

Paper 12.

To the Standing Committee on the Benevolent Work of the Church--Dear Brethren:

"Inasmuch as the Synod of Col. at its last Annual Meeting overlooked the recommendation of the General Assembly, to appoint one of its members, to act as a member of the Committee on the Benevolent Work of the Church,

And inasmuch as it is regarded by this Presbytery a matter of importance that this Synod be represented on that Com. therefore to meet the omission on the part of the Synod Resolved

That this Pres. of Utah, uniting with the Pres. of Col. recommend that Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D. be appoint-



ed to act on that Committee.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minute of the Presbytery of Utah, in Session at Salt Lake City, this first day of March, A. D. 1875.

Josiah Welch,  
Stated Clerk.

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Idaho Springs, Col. March 3, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I hear that Presbytery is going to meet on the 17th inst.

Is that so?

Would you be good enough sometime between this and then to see if I could not get a half fare permit on the C. C. Railroad, i.e. if they are still granting them.

I have included Empire in my field.

Any word from Cleveland yet? None as yet from New York.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Wm. M. Campbell.

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Raven Fund.

New York, March 3, 1875.

Dear Bro:

Your highly esteemed favor of 24th ult. reached here this A. M.

The route you contemplate and to which you invite dear Harry is simply captivating. At almost any previous time I should agree to your proposal instantly, but at present financially I feel poor. For two years past in business we have not simply made no money, but have lost not a little. Still, it is a gracious providence that still we have weathered the crisis, and have hopes in time to recover more than we have lost (the whole of this inter nos.)

There are many reasons why I should desire Harry to take the trip under the influence that would surround me. His education while in college cost me nothing. He has never made any but the very simplest demands of me, has simple tastes spends nothing but lives too much at home. He needs to be thrown off among men and to rough it just as he will need to do if he goes with you.

I feel more sure that my prayers will be answered as to his deciding for the ministry. His parts are very good and may the Lord have all just whenever he chooses to employ him. I must take time however, before I finally decide hat I can spare so large a sum in this way. Are you sure that five hundred will be sufficient? It is the last



stretch and I should be sorry to hamper you with restrictions if it were necessary to expend more. Please write me again on this head.

Enclosed you will find check for one hundred and twenty-five dollars in aid of Home Missions to be spent at your own discretion, in whatever fields and on whatever person you may select.

With my regards to Mrs. Jackson, I remain

Yours sincerely, Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

Evanston, Wyo. T. March 3, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Sir and Brother:

This morning I had the pleasure to turn over to A. G. Lee the call to Mr. Arnold with over twenty names all bonifide good men and women. Mr. Lee thought it would be quite plenty and he says he will mail it to you today. It seems to have met with the approval of every one, and I predict for Mr. Arnold a prosperous sojourn among us. I shall take steps soon to get the Buck horns that we mentioned about and send them the first opportunity.

Respectfully etc.,

P. H. Tooley.

Nev. Valley, Ia. March 6, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Brother:

Have sold out. Will ship my goods to Denver on Monday (8th). Will visit my Father till 15th; then call on you in Denver, by, say, Wednesday 17th, or be at Presbytery on 19th at poulder. I wrote you fully of my coming--my preference for Trinidad, but trains were delayed, so I am afraid you did not receive it as soon as I hoped. I rejoice at my prospect of being at last with you. I have secured passes for wife and self, etc., if you answer this--which would be glad of--write me at Nebraska City, Neb. Yours fraternally,  
Alex. M. Darby.

Mrs. Samuel A. McEllinney,  
Mt. Agr. Ringgold Co., Iowa.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

Will you please forward the enclosed draft for \$50, to the missionary's widow and oblige me by sending



her address. Hoping you will succeed in assisting one so  
needy, I am

Yours respectfully,  
Sarah A. Gilbert.

Utica, March 8, 1875.

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OFFICE OF EMERSON & BUCKINGHAM,  
BANKERS.

Longmont, Col. March 8, 1875.

Received of Rev. Sheldon Jackson the sum of One  
Hundred and fifty Dollars, being and subscribed by him for  
the building of a Presbyterian Church in Longmont.

David Stuart, Secretary.

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Longmont, Col. Ter., March 8, 1875.

Reverend & Dear Sir:

Please find receipt for your check of one hundred and  
fifty Dollars for building a Presbyterian Church here this  
season. We have got on our subscription paper about eight  
hundred dollars and others have promised to help, but all  
have not been called upon to subscribe. Rev. Mr. Teitsworth  
has been up to Caribou all last week. The union prayer meet-  
ing is still kept up with as much interest as we could ex-  
pect in the absence of our pastors. The Union Meetings  
at Upper St. Brian are increasing in interest. I hear  
that the night last week ten rose up, asking an interest  
in the prayers of God's servants and his children. Mr.  
Ecker wants to have about fifty copies of Rocky Mountain  
Presbyterian to send East to a church or Sunday School to  
ask for a donation to help us to build our church if you  
think it advisable. He will pay you for them.

I am, dear sir, yours most truly,  
David Stuart.

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Salt Lake City, March 8, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Send me date of your ordination. I notice we are to  
into roll for minutes according to Seniority. I suppose Bro.  
Arnold was "patched" before you, but I am not to take that  
for granted, as he may have entered the Sacred Calling late  
in life. I have written him. Hope you got paper I sent on  
Cooper. All well.

Welch.



Raven Fund.

Mrs. McElhinney,  
Mt. Agr., Iowa.

West Chester, March 9, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Enclosed you will find a draft the value of which you need not state when you acknowledge the safe receipt of it. It requires real self sacrifice for me to do it now, but my heart bleeds for that poor sister in her desolate destitute situation. My resources will be extremely limited for some time to come. My husband has no sympathy with Missions and so I never use a dollar of his money for anything of the kind.

There are some features of my present situation which cannot be explained with propriety. I often wish my heavenly father had seen best to give me large sums to dispose of, but he knows best. We never know what we might lose by having these things all changed for us according to some of our foolish wishes.

I am writing in haste not knowing what moment I may be interrupted.

Sincerely I thank you for your prayers. I value them more than anything else on earth. I do so desire the constant presence of God's Holy Spirit.

Sincerely your friend,  
P. A. Lewis.

Raven Fund.

Mrs. L. A. McElhinney.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

You will probably receive a Post Office check for fifty dollars, forwarded by my son, D. Parish, Jr., and which I wish you to appropriate to the benefit of Mrs. McElhinney, as a donation from a friend. I will thank you for an acknowledgment of the receipt of the same, as also for the full address of the widow you wish to assist with her name plainly written. I fear I have not got it quite right.

I thank you for Rocky Mountain paper which comes regularly. I still remain yours,

Most kindly,

Mary Ann Parish.

March 10, 1875.

New York, 2 East 16th St.



## Address

E. W. Ten Eyck,  
Pres. Woman's Miss. Society,  
Cayenovia, N. Y.

Cayenovia, March, 11, 1875.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Your letter came just as we had sent off a box of "everything", to Kansas; but I hope to be able to send a nice lot of clothing for the widow and children. It will not be possible to send much money only for the freight, but we will have a nice box (if the ladies approve at our meeting). I beg the privilege of retaining the letter a very few days; such a letter will do more good than any appeal I could make. I will be sure to send it back. I am going to try for that hymn. I am glad you sent me the little plan. If I should providentially take the prize, of course I should be happy to feel I had earned something for the cause of Home Missions, but we shall see. Do you not feel greatly encouraged when you know and realize you have the women of this land awaking to their duty and responsibility. I am. We have some glorious women near us who are beginning to feel they are made for something better than "ornaments". I saw all those pieces in the paper you sent me and I knew that man would get that horse and buggy "out of the Lord's stables" as he wrote in one of his letters. I could not but admire his faith and perseverance. I have just had such sad news of the death of Mrs. Alexander's only little girl Emily at Fort Union, New Mexico. It has plunged them all at Willowbrook in the deepest sorrow. Dear Mrs. Martin has tasted of this cup very often lately. Oh! let us pray dear Mr. Martin may come to Jesus. It cannot be he will stay away any longer. I know you are interested in them. I want to write you about a manuscript I have had sometime. It is fifteen years experience with a young man's Bible Class. I have kept its history during that time. I thought it might be useful being personal, so I wrote to Mr. Dulles, Philadelphia, and he wanted me to send it to him to examine, but I was thinking perhaps in a new country, I might publish it in chapters in your paper. I do not want any pay for it, but I would like to save it and do good with it. I have had four new scholars from our Seminary every few years, and at an age fifteen to nineteen and some of the conversions and experiences are strange and might encourage others to work in the same field. What do you think of it? What is that widow's name? I think I will write her. I cannot make out whether it is McEllinery or Ellinary, or Ellinary; please let me know. Excuse my long letter, and believe me

Yours in Christ,

E. W. Ten Eyck.



Pueblo, Colorado, March 12, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Denver, Colorado.

Can you get half fare pass over the K. P.? Would like to meet with Presbytery next week, both at Denver and at Boulder; but expenses are so great, and I soon expect to go East--that I shall have to forego the pleasure. I expect now to go East after the 1st Sabbath of April. I would like to go by the K. P. Road; but if they do not grant any half fare tickets I shall go the other way. Whether I shall return or not can't yet say. Good place to build up a church here. I have full houses A. M. and P. M. One A. M. some went away. I have asked nothing from the Board. People here are not wealthy. They do well for their means. I have been favored with exceeding good health, and I shall receive enough to pay my expenses while here and a little over. Shall be glad to see you and to hear from you.

L. B. Rogers.

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Georgetown, March 12, 1875.

Dear Bro:

Am thus far on my way. I thought I would do better in this warm weather and out of the cold of March in New York. Am much better. Dr. Dickson thought I would do better to wait till about April 1st before starting. Shall leave here last week in March or 1st of April. Your card of March 9th received today. Thanks for papers, &c. Wish I could get to Trinidad by March 26th but cannot. Met here in P. O. Department, Mr. Kerens, one of proprietors of stage line from Messilla, through Silver City to San Diego. He gives me a pass to Silver City from Messilla. I wrote Rev. H. B. Hay, of Salem, Ohio, and received some encouraging word about Silver City. He sent Sabbath School books down there. Kerens says Silver City is a live place and I will receive a cordial welcome.

I am so much better I am anxious to get down there. I wrote a letter to Superintendent of Silver City Sabbath School. My brother is trying to get a pass for me from Kiem on K. P. R. R. Hope he will succeed. Shall let you know of my progress.

Shall be glad to see you.

Your Brother,  
W. W. Curtis.

1008 26th St., Georgetown, D. C.

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Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Salt Lake, Utah, Mar. 15, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Enclosed find recommendation from Home Mission Com. to Board. We make it very cordially. I have received two letters from Bro. McM. I presume he has written you. He seems to think he has struck a thick slice of midnight. The Liberals offered to sell him their Hall for \$1,000. The Saints offered the Liberals \$1,400, to keep McM from getting it. McM. wrote me to know what he should do. He favors a purchase. I answered by asking him if he thought the field would justify our occupying, now, after a couple of weeks observation. Did he think that is the most advantageous point for operations in the valley? Did he think he would stay himself, a year or more? I told him if he answered these questions in the affirmative, I would say buy and we will cry the virtue of a pointed Appeal to "5000 ladies" which would only be twenty cents apiece ! ! ! He says the hall is a nice building 30 x 30, with Basement, which will make him fine study, bedroom, and a "prayer-meeting room". I wrote him that his study would be large enough for latter for some time to come, as he likely would be all that would wish to pray. If he stays, that will give us a good foothold, a school room, and a base for operations. Our School prospects are good. I think I will write off, and send along a little article for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian, on our School. Prof. Coyner is likely to bring the Montiett family with him, which will give us Rev. Father Montiett, a good wise counsellor, and a good preacher, although aged, for our Presbytery. We are likely to get a Dr. Alexander, brother of Alexander of San Francisco Theological Seminary, a good live Presbyterian worker. I think your letter, discharges "all and several" our obligations to the Congregational Committee, and I am anxious to know what effect it will have on their "nut crackers". Do you go to Presbytery meeting at Boulder next Saturday?

We are having a big snow; by far the largest fall of the winter.

All well. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

P. S.

I think I'll have my wife write an article on Home Missions,--sometime, but I think I'll ask a commission from the Board for her, before she goes into their service. We live in Utah, where women vote and have their rights.

Yours fraternally,

Josiah Welch.

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Gold Hill & Sunshine

Salina, Boulder Co., Colorado,  
March 15, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Respectful Sir:

I write to tell you that I made an appointment, at service last evening at Sunshine, for you or some member of the Presbytery to preach there next Sabbath at 2 o'clock in the usual place, which is the store where the Telegraph Office is located. I thought that was the best place, for there is no good place here to hold service, and then matters are not settled here yet, and Gold Hill is dead, but Sunshine is ahead of both and still going ahead. They are holding a town meeting this evening in regard to building a school house. Mrs. Wood said that she would be very happy to have you meet there at service next Sabbath in hopes of getting aid in holding services. I saw about a dozen weekly subscriptions of fifty cents each on a paper. I think it was meant for Mr. Fall's (McNodis') benefit. Mrs. Wood said Mr. Pratt, Episcopal, had spoken of bringing up Mr. Vander veer of Canyon City, (Reformed Dutch formerly) with him when he should come up next Sabbath. He said he did not wish to be away from Dr. Lord's sermon Sabbath Evening at Boulder, although next Sabbath evening is his regular appointment. Perhaps you could make some arrangement with him. We should like to have you come up to our place, a little below Salina, whenever it is most convenient to you. Should like to attend Presbytery, but don't know that I can get away. Wife and family send regards to yours.

Yours respectfully,

John R. Reedy.

Rev. T. E. Bliss.

Beatty, Westmoreland Co., Pa.,  
March 15, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

Our Woman's Missionary society of Unity Presbyterian Church would like to send either a box or a sum of money about the middle of April to some Missionary in the West. Would you be good enough to suggest the name of some Missionary with a family to whose effort such a gift would add.

Yours,

Anna B. Miller.



Mr. Jackson:

Dear Brother:

We have three little girls--ages nine, seven and five years. Articles most acceptable--general clothing suitable for summer wear--Money--so far as convenient--very much preferred.

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New York, March 17th, 1875.

Dear Brother:

Your prized favor of 11th inst. is at hand.

I write at once in reply chiefly because I wish to say that I heartily approve the direction given to my contribution to D. M. Indeed I rejoice that it came so opportunely to meet your need. I found much interest in the printed circular which you enclosed. I take exception as I always have to the policy of the Board in increasing so largely (in times like these especially) the number of its Missionaries which forces on the Board a scale of under pay and as in your case and doubtless of many others the diminution of the scant allowance which in a certain sense, they are under obligations to maintain at the full rate. However being now an outsider these remarks from myself may be unbecoming.

I note the change in your proposed route with pleasure. \$350 meets my circumstances and the times much better than the sum first mentioned and doubtless as far as Harry is concerned will be of as much service.

Yours very truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,  
Denver, Col.

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Mt. Pleasant, Utah,  
March 17, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Please read enclosed for news from San Pete. I have visited Wales, a small mining village on the West, with no encouragement. The mining camp 12 miles north of which N. P. Gutelius is Superintendent is a promising point. Moroni, a town of 1200 souls eight miles west, is in Egyptian darkness. Inclement weather has prevented my visiting other towns and settlements. I am more hopeful of this point. An old Methodist man who has been a Mormon for twenty-five years came to me at the close of service last Sabbath with tears in his eyes and said: "Your sermon came very near getting me, but when you sang old Coronation at the close that fetched me. I could'nt stand it no longer."

I shall open a school about April 1st if I can procure a teacher. When I rented Liberal Hall the Mormons went



at once to the managers and tried to buy it, offering \$1,400 all it cost. The managers told them they should not have it at any price. They offered it to me today for \$1,000--one-half cash and balance in twelve months ten percent interest. Title perfect. While I am hopeful of this field, there is no chance of an organization soon I think.

My health is improving.

Yours fraternally,

D. J. McMillan.

San Juan Island, W. I., March 20, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Sir:

Your great kindness, and consideration evokes my gratitude, more than words can express. The like, encourages me greatly in my all important work here. But really, dear sir, are you not too kind? I have never before been used to such favors, or consideration. I have been alone--all alone--in sadness oft, and isolation, with (apparently) none to share my burden. Oh! there is indeed a yearning in the human heart for sympathy and now, thank God, I have this sympathy long prayed for--long desired. May the Gracious God, abundantly bless, and prosper you, dear Brother. I will write my articles promptly.

Gratefully yours,

S. J. Weekes.

Boulder, Col. March 20, 1875.

To the Standing Committee on The Benevolent Work of the Church.

Dear Brethren:

Inasmuch as the Synod of Colorado at its last annual meeting overlooked the recommendation of the General Assembly to appoint one of its members to act as a member of the Committee on the benevolent work of the church, and

Inasmuch as it is regarded by the Presbytery as a matter of importance that this Synod be represented in that Committee, therefore to meet the omission on the part of the Synod,

Resolved, That This Presbytery of Colorado uniting with the Presbytery of Utah recommend that the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D. be appointed to act on that Committee.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes of the Presbytery of Colorado in session at Boulder,



Colorado, on this 20th day of March, 1875.

R. S. Stewart,

Stated Clerk.

Mt. Ayr., Ringgold Co., Iowa.,  
March 23, 1875.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:

Dear Brother:

Your letter containing draft has been received. Enclosed find a few lines for Mrs. Gilbert. They but poorly express the feeling of my grateful heart. I know, and feel, God will provide for me and mine. I received a letter from Mrs. E. W. Ten Eyck, the day I received your letter, offering to send me a box of clothing, which I gladly accepted, and for which I thank you. I shall have nothing done to the house until I get the whole amount asked for, for fear I may not get enough, but I think it will all be sent; for God has promised to answer prayer. With kind regards, I remain your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. S. A. McEllinny.

Ans. about Pueblo, but not about Taxes.

Georgetown 24, March.

Dear Bro:

Meeting the Co. Treasurer on the street he told me he had written you there was no tax for you to pay at Idaho--as he had told me. But finally I found he had not hunted up the lots you described and said he could not. It would be a week's work, etc., and if you had purchased the lots recently to let him know in whose name they were, and to whom they were assessed; and then he could find what was to be paid--if they were reported. Queer proceedings --- I had left with him your card describing the property and he told me he would hunt it up. But this is all he has done.

When are you going to Utah? Soon after Assembly?

I had a fine talk with Mr. Morehouse--and he at once confirmed just what I had said to you or Bro. Henry.--- Says the feeling is confined to the "Downtown" and the one we spoke of on the train. Says if I would sacrifice my self respect and become the veriest sycophant and flatterer we would hear no more of inviting Mr. Hawley, &c.--or efforts in that direction.

Can you not write and secure me an invitation to Pueblo? Can you secure me one-half fare on the R. R. also for wife as the C. C. have done this year for all ministers?



Would Pueblo Church be willing to invite me for three or six months--If they would I could on that invitation bring matters to a focus here--perhaps, and settle the question of settling here without incurring unnecessary expense to self or Pueblo Church.

I am not going to fight my way through here if it comes to that. I have stayed to bring the church to this point and now I am willing to stay or go--whichever may be the smoothes.

Is the Pueblo Church one which will be pleasant for my wife to go to?

Wife is not very well. Think likely we are too near heaven in bodily presence and a little lower down will suit better.

I will try to send an article for the paper. I had supposed you requested article from the brethren as you wanted them for insertion.

Love to family,

John L. Cage.

Colorado Springs, Mar. 27, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Del Norte, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Got here last night--nose peeled--sore and tired. I wanted to go forward, but did not deem it wise. Pony still soft, and tires easily. I have yet according to estimate, from 175 to 195 miles to make. I go by Ute Pass. I'll do my best to be at Del Norte by Saturday night, though I am fearful I'll fail. If so, I'll try in Sunday, and at farthest, I'll be there D. V. on Monday. Await me. I meet with great kindness, free entertainment mostly, &c. Preached to fifty at Monmunk. Cannot make Summit Pass though. If you get early to Del Norte--send me word at Saguache &c.

Yours Fraternally,

Alex. M. Darley.

Cucharas, Col., March 29, 1875.

To the Presbytery of Colorado.

Dear Brethren:

We the Undersigned, Members in good & regular Standing in Evangelical Churches, desiring to secure for ourselves and this Community Gospel privileges, would earnestly request that Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., Supt. of Pres. Missions and Rev. J. L. Merritt shall organize us into a Presbyterian Church, to which we promise our hearty support and encouragement.



And when so organized we would respectfully ask to be received under the care of Presbytery and supplied with preaching.

Signed

Name

Church Connection.

Mrs. J. C. Hamilton

Mrs. Lizzie Todd

Thomas Miller, New Cumberland, W. Va.,

William Howells, Olathe, Kansas,

Sara A. Scott, Pueblo, Col.,

F. Lizzie A. Wilkin)

Clara L. Wilkin ) Olathe, Kansas.

Thos. Wilkin )

Cucharas, Huerfano, Colorado,  
March 29, 1876.

Dear Father:

Thinking that it was about time to write home I have sat down to try although I hardly know what to say. I am now working on a ranch, or rather gardening, but it is the sorriest attempt to garden that I ever saw. It is on John Read's farm and we have neither team, plow or tools of any kind, but a shovel and two hoes. However, he expects to have all that is needed in a few days. I think this is a little the windiest country that I ever got into. It has been blowing nearly ever since I have been here, so bad that we can't work more than about half the time, but they say that the wind quits with this month and behaves very well all the summer. Walsenburg is six miles from here up the creek. Dan and John came down Saturday and stayed over Sunday with us. They are well and happy. They expect to start for the Dry Cimaron in a few days to look up a Ranch. It is about 100 miles South and East of Trinidad. They may be gone three weeks or a month, as they must be back here by the first week in May to receive the sheep they have bought. They have contracted for 500 head to be delivered at that time. The Mexicans don't like to sell now as it is too near shearing and lambing time, so they hold sheep very high. From \$2.50 to \$3. is the general price. I don't know what the boys have to pay. They bought of Jordon of Pueblo. There are two stores here in this little town, one of them kept by Dave and Joe Mitchell, the Jew boys of Denver, and the other by Tom Stevens (of the old firm of Carney and Stevens), who now lives in Trinidad. I have'nt seen him yet. He is expected here tonight or tomorrow as he is going to close the store here and move it to Sorrocco, about 150 miles below Santa Fe. I am told here that Tom is not worth much money now, in fact, that he is badly in debt, and only holds what he does in his wife's name. If it is possible, I am going



to get a place with him and go along to New Mexico. I want to learn the Spanish Language badly and think I can do it very easy. A great many of their words are very simple and don't appear to be hard to learn or remember. The pronunciation is the worst thing to get the hang of. They, the Mexicans, are terribly ignorant and bigoted. I saw them doing penance last week. The three last days in Lent ending on Good Friday a part of them do penance in public. Those who do so are called "Penitentes". They are a secret organization said to be composed of the worst elements of Mexican society, such as the murderers and thieves, who think and believe that by thus punishing themselves they obtain forgiveness for past offenses and immunity from punishment for all they may commit for the year to come. I hardly know how to tell you what they did in such a way that you will believe it for it is almost incredible even now to me after having seen it myself. The first performance I saw was dragging the crosses. These were made of cottonwood logs at least 20 feet long and a foot in diameter. They rested the forks of the cross on their shoulders leaving the other end drag on the ground. Then marching to a very slow tune they dragged them a distance of 400 yards to an upright cross where they lay flat down on the ground and had the crosses laid lengthways of their body. After remaining in this position for a minute or two, the crosses are lifted and they kiss the upright cross, then drag them back. They next came out naked, (with the exception of a pair of drawers reaching half way to the knees,) whipping themselves on the back with whips made of the soapweed and a large flat cactus braided in the ends. The whips are about 18 or 20 inches long. They give themselves a lash every step. Before starting out they cut 24 gashes on their back with flint or glass, 12 on a side, extending from the point of the shoulder blade to the waistband. They whip themselves to the upright cross and back, stopping at the cross long enough to crawl on their hands and knees to the cross and kiss it, and then return to the place of starting. The blood flies off the ends of the whips into the air at every lash, and also runs down their backs and legs to the ground. Others carried cactus bound to their backs, from their loins up over their shoulders and round under their arms and over the breast. The bunches of cactus were so thick that they could barely reach round them and clasp their hands in front. Others still had their arms bound lengthways of a cross laid across the neck, while others walked the whole distance with cactus tied on the soles of their feet. One man, who I suppose had committed the most heinous offense of any, had cactus bound on his feet, his legs and arms tightly wrapped with thongs and his hands bound to his knees, thus holding him in a stooping posture. He was then whipped to the cross and back by two



men, the blood flying at every stroke. He fell fainting with the loss of blood, when two men took hold of him to support him, the other two still whipping. But it is useless to attempt a description so I will say no more about it than that death very often ensues from the severity of this punishment. The leader of the lodge here told me yesterday that each one chooses their own punishment, both the manner and severity.

Please write to me as soon as you receive this letter, and direct to Cucharas, Huerfano Co., Col. Give my love to all. Will write again pretty soon,

Your Son,

Henry N. Cort.

Mrs. McElhinney's Case  
Mt. Ayr. Iowa.

Mt. Ayr., Mar. 30, 1876.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your letter of inquiry is duly received. It is an unpleasant task you ask of me, yet while it touches the cause of Christ and is closely connected with that, so I feel it my duty to answer your request, hoping the Holy Spirit may direct my pen to give a proper statement of Mrs. McElhinney's circumstances.

I am living in the same house with her, and hence am able to know more about her way of living and circumstances in many particulars in four months than others can know in four years.

She has a family of six healthy and strong children about whom she troubles herself very little either in the way of taking care of their bodies, and what is much more lamentable, she does not take care of their souls. The oldest of these children being a girl, is living, as her mother informed me, with a rich grandmother in St. Paul, Minn. in good circumstances; the others are with their mother. Two of the boys old enough to do a good many chores, are left nearly entirely to do as they please, the results of which you can imagine.

Her means are as follows: Six acres of the best land and in the best part of the town with a house and stable on it which she informed me was valued at the rate of \$2,500. The house is well finished and painted on the outside. It is 28 feet square on the ground one story and a half high. The first story is sheeted off with boards and heavy building paper covered and painted. In the second story I have finished one large room with matched lumber in which I lived now for about five months with my family having no other room. Under the house is a large opening since it is built on a side knoll, which room was intended to be walled



up with brick the whole size of the house, and divided into different rooms. This opening is walled on three sides with the natural earth as every cellar is, and partly boarded off. The sills of the house are not sufficiently supported with posts, but might be done with little expense, and also a cellar room large enough for her without running into the expense she intends to improve, or add to the value of her property.

She has so far received \$400 a year from the Board of Relief, and according to my judgment she has received not less than from four to five hundred dollarsworth of Missionary goods, of which she gives no report to the Board, for she told me they had no business to know it. She now expects again a box very soon, and writes for more "Give Give". One thing more. She had three good stoves last fall, only one of them a little small and old fashioned. She begged for another stove. A good dear Bro. minister of Des Moines, Rev. Gill, spent fifteen dollars and sent her a stove, he himself being in debt several hundreds of dollars. The small stove is dismissed and placed with the castaway things, and if you could have a respective look in her yard, and see a good blanket in the mud and find shirts, pants, coats, stockings, gloves, hats, &c all over, and destroyed, you would think a poor family might be supplied with it.

Dear Brother Jackson, excuse me for mentioning all these things. I believe that the widows and fatherless should be taken care of well. I love the souls of the family. I wish to do what is right and good for them; but I love Jesus more; for his sake I give you this information, and now leave it for you to judge what to do.

I have told you facts whatever may happen to come against this hereafter. She has quite an influence and makes quite a show before the public, and may be able to send you some names of persons who differ with me. But I have done my duty. She told me yesterday that you gave her a fair prospect to fix up her house, but I doubted it and so answered your letter anyhow.

Please leave me out of the matter as much as possible, and remember me in my labours before the throne of God, for The enemy has commenced to scatter tares in this Congregation. Oh! may Jesus raise up the banner against it.

Your Brother in Christ,

P. S. I sent an article for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian some time ago about grouping and receiving churches. Please tell me why it was not taken up, and oblige,

Yours, etc.,

D. Boiges.

P. S. She has rich relatives, she told me, but is too proud to ask of them, who would be willing to help her if it was rightly appropriated.



Evans, Col. March 30th, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Bro:

You are aware I did not get to Presbytery. I should like to have gone, but we had arranged a communion and with other things which came in unexpectedly was unable to go. I have a letter from B. L. Stewart, Treas for Delegate fund. I have remitted him our quote. I think it will be well to turn over the Treasury to some member living in a more central place. I shall hope to get to Presbytery next time and bring the matter up.

We had an accession of three members at communion, and I have a number more who I am persuaded will come in soon.

I have had fine Congregations this winter, and our Sabbath school is in a most flourishing condition. Bro. Thompson and I exchanged pulpits last Sabbath evening. The Congregationalists seem to have the upper hand in Greeley.

We are all well. I am corresponding with a number of Presbyterian families who I think I will get out this summer. We will be glad to get a box of clothing next Fall. If you know of any congregations that wish to help in that way we will furnish measures and particulars at any time, and will be much obliged to you. Mrs. Stewart sends regards to you, and Mrs. Jackson. My regards to Mr. J.

Yours Fraternally,

John F. Stewart.

P. S. Will be pleased to hear from you and see you. We look for Mr. Martin and Jno. McCutcheon soon. When they come we propose a meeting on the subject of Evans College--will let you know.

Mt. Pleasant, Utah, Mar. 31, 1876.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have secured the Liberal Hall at \$1,000--the shareholders donating 30% of cost--and am about to open a school under a competent teacher. Terms of purchase \$400 in three months, and \$600 in 12 months, \$10% interest--Mortgage to secure deferred payment. As the hall was fixed for dancing I could not make necessary changes without getting exclusive control. Have I done right? I go today to Ft. Ephraim to preach. It is the hottest Mormon hole in the realm. Bp. warned me not to attempt to preach there. I told him I fought under our flag and could preach wherever it could float. The result you shall soon hear.

Many thanks for papers. Two packages have arrived. The people call at my room and ask for them. Of course I give them and thus distribute without incurring suspicion.

Yours in haste, D. J. McMillan.



Mr. Ayr, Iowa, Mar. 31, 1875.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Bro:

Your letter containing drafts for \$100 was received on last Saturday. Accept my thanks, kind friend, for the interest you are taking in my welfare. I shall now have the workmen commence work on my house. As I have naif enough I know God will send the rest. Enclosed find notes of thanks to Mrs. Parish and Mrs. Lewis. May God bless you and grant you success in your great work is the prayer of your sister in Christ,

Mrs. McElhinney.

South Arkansas, Lake Co. Col.

April 1, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Del Norte, Col.

Dear Bro:

Got here last night. Have averaged 40 miles a day. Will take easy hereafter. Will D.V. reach the Sag-uachi tomorrow noon. May preach there in (Friday) evening. Expect to reach Del Norte Saturday afternoon. Got lost twice. Snow has been bad. I hear that Cleghorn did not stay at Del Norte. I go to Walker's on Kerber Creek today. Pony's back swelled some.

Yours fraternally,

A. M. Darley.

Salt Lake, April 3, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your letter from Trinidad came to hand a day or two ago. Tell me about Darley and his outlook in your next. The Rocky Mt. Presbyterian came yesterday. You put too much point in that Appeal of McMillen's. I am afraid that if the Mormons get hold of it they will make it hot for us again. I am convinced that we must be more judicious, if we wish to do any great good among this people. I believe we can reach the public as well outside, by a little more guarded expression, and do more good here. There are some things in McMillan's letter to you which you published, that will alienate the whole population, gentile and apostate from him, if they get hold of it. I have written him to be more careful as to what he puts on paper. You will please return the Appeal I sent you for the School. I wish to recast it somewhat. I will write an appeal for the Mt. Pleasant Church. Prof. Coyner and family have arrived. I tell you we have a prize in them. I predict that he will sweep everything before



him. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the friends. Glad to know that Blackburn goes to Assembly. We are all well. I am feeling tip top. What about Yellowstone Park?

Your Bro.  
Josiah Welch.

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Del Norte, Col. April 8, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I reached here about 5:30 P. M. Saturday, April 3rd. I was greatly disappointed in not seeing you. I had written you from the Springs and from South Arkansas telling you of my progress, thinking you would be in ahead of me. Several others were disappointed also. A son of Rev. N. L. Rice, D.D., who keeps a cigar store here called to see you. I met with a very cordial greeting. Never was so kindly anticipated by strangers in my life. Col. John Cleghorn had handed over my notice of arrival to Major French, one of the incorporators of the town, and he--a deputy sheriff-- and a saloon-keeper, "These Three" and a negro secured and furnished me a room to preach in. The M. E. minister gave up his morning service to me--the town choir prepared hymns--which to the accompaniment of a Melodian, they sang with the congregation very creditably. I had about seventy-five out. Nearly all the stores were open, &c. I preached in the evening in a log cabin, labeled M. E. Church. Had a comfortably full house. The M. E. minister is a young bachelor. Not very well.

I got to Saguachi by Friday noon, worked it up in the afternoon. Found one longitudinal Presbyterian of youthful years, with whom, by dismemberment we might organize a church. I found others favorable. The paper in Christian hands--heard of some Presbyterians about. I think prospects good for organization, both at Saguachi and Del Norte--best at latter. Have found some names additional here, expecting some to arrive soon. I shall visit Del Norte &c this week and be able to report soon. You do not conceive the distance from here to Lake City and Silverton even. Lake City by the Cochetope Pass is 150 miles at least from here and over 90 from Saguachi. Over the mountains it is two days' journey. I do not conceive it possible to reach the mines before June or July, and so far as I now know not wise. I shall devote my energies till then to Del Norte and Saguachi--and the San Luis Valley. There are a good many Creeks to explore. I think I can have these two places in hand for organization by the first of May.

I am agreeably surprised at the size of Del Norte. I am stopping at the "Centennial"--paying \$10 a week for board and lodging. I design securing a room--a cabin or something soon in order to lighten expenses.



three ladies who could not go to the polis, but they have been weeping and crying all day". It was his mother, sister and wife. This young man used to be almost constantly drunk. Said he "I owe my soberness today to the prayers and tears of my lady friends. More tears have been shed for me by them than I am worth. But for these prayers and tears I should have been in a drunkard's grave". And oh what floods of tears are wrung from sad hearts on account of drunkenness!

How delightful was our spring meeting of Presbytery! It was like the song of birds. Each brother present seemed to be an earnest, joyful worker in the vineyard of the Master. Some reported seasons of refreshing, and all rejoiced; and others hopefully looked for refreshing seasons, and all united in praying to this end.

Was glad to hear Bro. Bliss say that he and his church came to us of their own good, free will. And how much more a power, if the whole Congregational element in this Territory would follow the christian example! There would then be no longer this waste of christian power in an effort to sustain two weak churches in places in which one could be strong and do the work far better.

Fraternally, &c,  
W. P. Teitsworth.

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Trinidad, Col. April 7, '75.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your kind favor of April 3rd came to hand this morning. Checks all right. The \$24 check I will return in this letter. The extra dollar will about repair damages to the buggy. I am glad to learn that Bro. Chamberlain is expected so soon. It will give me the last Sabbath of this month at least to go to Stonewall, without leaving this church vacant.

We are having a heavy snow storm this morning.

With thanks for your kindness in making the loan toward the loss on the horse, I am

Your brother in Christ,  
J. L. Merritt.

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Mrs. McEhlinney  
Mt. Ayr., Iowa.

Raven Fund .

Bedford, Iowa, April 7, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,  
Denver, Col.

Dear Bro:

Yours of 3rd reached me this morning. I returned from the meeting of Presbytery at Missouri Valley yesterday. Hada



I am grateful for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian received this morning. It refreshed me. I am lame--sore-- and tired. Feeling more and more the immensity of my parish--and glad that I came. Thanks for your early publication of the call for my horse; but I realize in order to full accomplishment of my labors, especially in "The Valley"--I must have another horse and a buggy or light wagon. Mrs. D. must go with me much. She is too valuable to be without, and my campaigns will be too wearing on horseback, and in fact impossible, into the mining country, where I shall have to carry my own supplies which cannot be done without more than saddlebags and small pack. But how to attain it I know not, especially with that pile of freight in Denver--and getting Mrs. Darley from Pennsylvania here. I could give \$100 towards it myself possibly; but how to obtain the rest? My outfit already obtained cost \$100.

I have secured \$31.00 rebate of freight charges from K.P. R.R.! Nothing like trying you know, and faith in God's riches of goodness".

Regards to kind Bro. Hawley, Dr. Lord, and your good "Lady Elect".

Yours fraternally,

Alex. M. Darley

P. S. My trunk has not arrived!

Trinidad, Col. April 6, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I was quite sick for three days after you left me, but was able to preach at Cucharas Thursday night, and on Friday went up the valley, but found the roads so heavy that we only got as far as Hamiltons. Learned there that Mrs. Francisco was not at home. Preached to a small but appreciative congregation that night at Mr. Hamiltons. Mrs. Hamilton expressed herself as pleased with our visit. She talked as though she would connect herself with the Cumberland church in the neighborhood as the distance was so far to Cucharas that she could not attend church there. And she thought she would take more interest in the church and Sunday School by having her membership there.

Dr. McKaschel and wife, (Methodists) will probably unite with the church the next time I go back to Cucharas. They were out, both morning and evening on Sabbath, and were much interested in the services.

At first Mr. Miller declined being ordained but finally consented, and he and Mr. Wilkin were duly installed on the Sabbath. I preached Saturday night, Sabbath and Sabbath night. Mr. Miller brought me home yesterday.

Mr. Brown is inclined to do the fair thing about the horse. Said if it was to come out of my pocket I should not pay anything, and at all events he was willing to bear the



half of the loss of the original cost of the horse \$100. He took fifty dollars, and said he was satisfied, and said he would think the matter over and might pay the money back. Said further, that whenever I wanted to use his other horse and his buggy I could have it, without cost. He don't like the idea of my leaving Trinidad. Told me he had a talk with Mr. Swallow about it, and that Mr. Swallow was willing to double his subscription if that would keep me here. I hope to be able to give such counsel to my warmest friends that will prepare the way for a hearty reception of my successor, and hope the work of building on the foundations already laid will progress steadily and well.

I left an appointment for the first Sabbath of May at Cucharas. Want to go to Stonewall the latter part of this month. Think it might be worth while to spend a Sabbath there.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the children.

Your brother in Christ,  
J. L. Merritt.

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Longmont, Col. April 7, '75.

Dear bro. Jackson:

Am heartily glad to be able to report some most glorious news in the bound of my field. Both Longmont and Caribon have voted to banish King Alcohol. "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth, good will to men".

Both at Longmont and Caribon, I verily believe this good result is in answer to prayer. Indeed, I can say truthfully I know. At both places there has been much united, earnest prayer for the banishment of whiskey, and now it is banished. The Saviour can do what man cannot. Indeed, man's extremity is his opportunity. And universally when he pours upon his people the spirit of prayer, and they pray unitedly, he uses the opportunity. He has made the promise, and he is equal to the fulfillment. And what a precious promise! "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven". Drunkenness, in all its consequences, is a pest in any village, and why should we not pray for its banishment.

At Longmont, about a dozen of our most earnest, praying ladies went to the polls--not to vote of course because against the law--but to see how the men voted, which they claim as an undoubted right. My understanding is that many men were ashamed to be seen by the ladies voting for whiskey. God abundantly bless the ladies, and cause them to be a still greater power of restraint.

When we knew the result, we went to the church, and united in giving thanks to Almighty God. During this meeting, a young man arose and said "We owe much to the ladies. I know



very pleasant meeting. Well, I think if you can assist Sister McElhinney for the purpose named in her letter, you will do a good work. The house is fully as bad as she represents--indeed a little worse, for it it does not have some paint on the outside, it will soon be impossible to paint it. I think you will do well to help her.

I have a letter from the Elder of that church in which he says that Mrs. McElhinney is endeavoring to economize. Ph'y recommended her to the Board of Relief for \$400 for the coming year. I shall be in Mt. Ayr in about two weeks and may write you again, but can say now that means bestowed for the purpose Mrs. McElhinney names to you will be all right.

Yours, &c.

A. F. Randolph.

Sidney, Fremont Co. Ia.

April 11, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson :

Have just returned from meeting of Presbytery held at Mo. Valley, where Mr. Darley labored for a few months. Bro. Cleland and Judge Sears both wished me to say to you please be very careful and not put too much confidence in Mr. Darley till you have thoroughly tried him, he preached in this place, and the people got very sick of him; he left the church in Missouri Valley in a dreadful state.

Dear Brother, I think God has been very gracious and gives you great wisdom in selecting working conscientious men; at the Presbytery the brethren spoke of this, and all felt that the Savior had given you remarkable discretion. I throw out this suggestion in regard to Mr. Darley that you may be on your guard. That God may continue to give you that wisdom, that cometh from above, is my sincere prayer.

Enclosed please find an answer from the Church at Evanston, which you can forward to them if you think proper.

The brethren felt very sorry to have me leave after so short a stay, but when I told them all, they had nothing to say.

The church here are willing to have me go without any unkind feelings, which is a great joy to me; I love this people much, but do not think it is the field for me.

Minnie and the children are very happy in regard to Mrs. White's going with me, indeed Minnie was the first to suggest the thought to me. I have asked the Secretaries in N. J. whether they can assist me in getting to Evanston. Minnie and the children all send much love to yourself, Mrs. Jackson and the children.

In great haste, Yours in Christ,  
F. L. Arnold.



P. S. Will you write to someone in Evanston in regard to a house?

Yours etc.,  
F. L. Arnold.

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Trinidad, Col. April 12, '75.

Reverend Mr. Jackson:

Dear Sir:

Mr. Merritt informs us that he had received a letter from you stating that Mr. Chamberlain was expected to be in Denver on the 15th inst. If he should stop there a few days, which it is likely that he will as the 15th comes on Thursday, and he would not be here before Sabbath, if he stops at all would you be so kind as to let me know what day we may expect him in Trinidad. We would like to have an answer by Sabbath if possible. We desire getting our little congregation together soon after he comes here, and have a pleasant time, but you need not tell him anything about it. If you have not time to give me answer by mail just telegraph. Yesterday was a stormy day here in the evening. We had a baker's dozen at church, and did not take up that collection, but we distributed the Rocky Mountain in the Sabbath School. It was small on account of the wind and snow. There was twenty-seven of us about the same in congregation.

Yours in Christ,  
W. S. Phillipps.

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Evans, Col. April 12, '75.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I do not look for Mr. Martin now before the first of June. He expects to be out here and spend the summer. Also John McClutcheon. I don't think there is any necessity of holding a meeting until they come. When do you wish to go to Fort Collins? If I can get time at all I think I will try and go with you if you let me know the week before. I will at all events furnish you a horse, although my own are not in the best condition at present. I received the package of clothing. We are very thankful--have made use of them. I wrote immediately after their reception, and thought surely I acknowledged their receipt. I may possibly have overlooked the matter, but that was the primary intention of the letter.

We are all well--nothing special. Will be glad to hear from you and please let me know some days, or a week before you make your trip to Fort Collins.

Mrs. Stewart joins in regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself.

John F. Stewart.



Fairplay, Park Co., Colorado,  
April 12, 1875.

Mr. Jackson,  
Dear Friend:

I wrote one or two pages of the accompanying article last week and was prevented from taking it up again until today by quite a severe attack of sickness. I am now feeling quite like myself again. you told me if I chanced upon a particularly fruitful vein of thought upon the subject of Home Missions to reserve it for the prize which you yet hoped to offer. I do not know whether I am mistaken in thinking that this is so, but it appears so to me. Should you think so also perhaps it would be best to reserve it. I leave it to your judgment.

I hardly think this would come under S. S. department. Appeals to older heads.

Was glad to hear from Mrs. Jackson. I shall reply soon.

With kind regards of Mr. Finks and myself, I remain,

Yours truly,  
N. V. Finks.

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Rev. John. L. Merritt,  
Trinidad.

Highlands, Monmouth Co.  
New Jersey, April 12,  
1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,  
Dear Brother:

In your paper for April 1875, I have read the article on "Tithe Gathering". The enclosed check is a small, but most cheerful contribution for the assistance of whatever Christian brother you may think most in need of it.

Deeply sympathizing with the condition of our Home Board, and those dependent upon it, I am

Yours truly,  
Robt. R. Proudfit.

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Lyndon, Kansas, April 12, '75.

Dear Bro:

Am here and getting along as fast as I can with packing etc. Cannot now tell just when will be at Denver. But will write. Must be here about two weeks I judge. Will arrange for Pueblo if possible. Glad to receive your letter. I am very anxious to get on faster, but cannot avoid the delay. Will expect to reach Denver first of week after next.

Your brother,  
W. W. Curtis.

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Longmont, Colorado,  
April 12, 1870.

My dear Bro. Jackson:

Will there be any chance for our receiving \$1,000 from the church erection board for our church at Longmont? Do all you can for us. You know how important that we have a church building here. We need it much just now. What is done at once will be vastly in our favor. The Congregationalists are doing all in their power to influence people in their favor--doing things that are christian and things that are not.

Please send us a blank so that we can make the application. It ought to be done at once.

Faternally &c.,

W. P. Teitsworth.

By the way, what is the prospect for the buggy? We are now ever so much in need of it. You know how it is. There are so many people wanting to see Mrs. Teitsworth.

And then another reason is. I ought to have a buggy at once to go to Caribon. It will soon be warm here, but cold there. Ought never to go there without extra clothing. Am liable at any time to be caught in a storm.

In every way a buggy would help me in my hard work. It would be just so much good cheer.

Called on two new families today--real good families. Both can be led right into our church. Both invited me to bring Mrs. Teitsworth. Have seen Woods. Our Prayer-meeting this week is to be at his house. He will come in with us. Others are also coming. Bless the Lord. It is all his work.

Rev. J. L. Merrill.

Trinidad.

West Chester, April 13, '70.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Your letter came to hand yesterday, and was forwarded at once to Mrs. Lewis, N. Y. Let us pray earnestly that God's blessing may go with it, and that it may be the means of doing much good.

Enclosed you will find a draft for forty dollars, being all I can do at present for the "distress" of which you speak. Now I wish I was rich, but our Father knows best.

Thank you for the "Mystic Gate". And many other kindnesses in the past. Many of your letters have brought me much good. Don't, I beg, forget me in your prayers. I am feeling very feeble and the circulation is very weak. Sometimes I have very severe pain, but with the pain comes peace. I think my life has been prolonged in answer to prayer, and what is far better, the fear of death itself has been taken away. I hope this peace and confidence will last until the



Enclosed find New York check for \$28. to be applied as above stated.

Yours truly,  
George Harkness.

Black Hawk, April 14, 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

Your postal card of 4th Inst. stating that Rev. Mr. Hawley would preach here next Sabbath, came duly to hand. Will you please ask him to stop at any of our hotels he may choose. I will pay his bill. I would like to have you give him a letter to Mr. Henderson and have him call on him Saturday evening and make as much of Henderson as he can, and as little of me as possible. In fact I rather not become acquainted with him at all.

Yours truly,  
R. W. Hunt.

Salt Lake, April 16, 1876.

Dear Bro:

Enclosed find one dollar, subscription for Rocky Mountain Presbyterian from L. Deane, Salt Lake. I neglected to send it the other day.

We have now no mail for a couple of days, and I begin to think now that my communication for your paper will not make it in time again. I am sorry if it don't, but I did not make any calculation on delays.

We corraled and burned the last issue of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian with McKim's letter, so that I have no fear now that it will get into the Mormon papers. You will excuse the liberty I have taken, but I feel that they would have a good deal of capital out of it, to the detriment of McKim's work.

We are all well, and have charming weather.

Yours Brother in Christ,  
Josiah Welch.

John E. Anderson, Boulder

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

You will please acknowledge a Post Office check sent by my son April 10th. I received yours enclosing one from Mrs. McKim; which afforded me much satisfaction although grieved to hear of her hardships.

You will please to appropriate this last fifty dollars for the relief of that poor man, who is in debt, that he may enforce the Gospel with a clear conscience, and to relieve some other embarrassments which I fear are pressing upon him, and prevented his paying what he owed.



I am sorry for the man that has lost his horse, but cannot render any assistance. You will have to be satisfied with his attending 1 station.

I remain, Very sincerely yours,  
Mary Ann Parish.

April 16, 1876.

New York, April 16, 1876 .

Dear Friend and Brother:

Your letter surprised me, but was just in time and only in time to prevent our sending a splendid box and sum of money to Mrs. McElhinney. You will write immediately to her making it right for I have promised to be her friend and also to send the box. I never saw our people so interested. I came to New York a week or two ago, but sent your letter to Mrs. Fowey, and she holds on to our box which we will send to the other man. You must write me right away all about the other man that I may communicate with him. I cannot tell you how sorry I was about the widow. I had read your letter and two from her before our society and everyone was interested, but I think you were right to write me and I thank you on behalf of the Society. Please write me very soon for I shall be home in a few days and will attend right away to the other box. I do hope he will write us a good letter when he gets the box.

Yours in haste,

L. V. Ten Eyck.

I did not know you had a sister so near. I wish she would come and see me. I will try and know her and when you come there do not fail to come up. I wish you could talk to our people.

Del Norte, Col. April 20, '76.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Got back yesterday--after riding in the last eight days 140 miles, which makes 400 in the last 30 days. I have secured you three subscribers for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian.

I have found 8 Presbyterians. I visited from within 9 miles of the Chocitope Pass to 10 miles below Saquachi and around about. I did not go down on the San Luis, Rito Alto, and San Isabel, as I found it would take a week to do it well, and that's our work. I hear of Presbyterians and Congregationalists down there.

They say I had the largest audience ever assembled in Saquachi last Sabbath evening. I made an appeal for about \$10. to buy lamps for the Courtouse instead of those greasy candles, and got it. They expect to have them up on my re-



end. The veil seems truly very thin and fine between this land and the Home beyond. "So fine, the infant's closing sigh, Will sway the fold to let it by".

Hoping to hear that this letter has been received, I am

Very sincerely your Sister and Friend,

P. A. Lewis.

P. S. As soon as I can I will send more. Nothing but the letter need be acknowledged.

P.A.L.

Rev. J. L. Merritt, Trinidad, \$20

Rev. Wm. M. Campbell, Idaho Springs, \$30

N. Y. April 13, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

I am glad to hear that Mrs. McElhinney is so well provided for, and I enclose you my check for \$50 which I had in reserve for her, and will thank you to divide it between the two cases mentioned in such proportion as you may think proper. I am glad that your health and strength hold out for your arduous labors. May God speed you in all your work. I congratulate you upon the accession of Dr. Lord in your Presbytery.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

H. K. Corning.

Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Kingston, N. Y., Fulton Co.,

April, 13, 1875.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Sir:

At our last monthly concert, April 4th, I alluded to what you said in the April number of your paper about the purchase of the Hall at Mt. Pleasant, San Pete Co., Utah, for Rev. Duncan McMillan as a church. The following week the sum of thirty-two dollars was handed me to be applied to the purchase of said building.

If the building is bought let it be so applied. If not let it be applied to the building of some church that in your judgment most needs it.

Please let me know what use is made of it that I may be able to report to the ladies of the church by whom a large share of it is contributed.

At whose expense your paper has been sent me I do not know. It has not been at mine. Enclosed find one dollar for the same.



turn.

I am more and more impressed with the necessity of my having a buggy or light wagon, as I cannot do half as much service without it. I did miss my tracts and papers for distribution! They were a felt need and want. I cannot carry any quantity in my saddle bags. And when I enter the mines the necessity will be all the greater. The wife reached Washington, Pa., on the 10th of April. All well and happy. I hope I may get her out soon. Many ask for her, and I need her help. Please forward what papers may have arrived at "Gen'l Delivery", P. O. Denver.

One Presbyterian, Shlicker--came ten miles to Saguachi to church--to introduce himself to me as a Presbyterian. His character I hear is above reproach. Would make a good elder. Board has "riz" to \$12 a week at the "Centennial" here! My bedding box, etc., are on the way. I design buying a bed and table today.

Yours fraternally and gratefully,  
Alex. M. Darley.

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Trinidad, Col. April 21, 1870.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I purchased a horse today, and as I paid cash, I will need some money before I can move. I paid \$75 for the horse, and \$5 for a bridle and halter. Have not purchased a saddle yet.

I expect to go to Stonewall tomorrow to be gone over Sabbath. Expect to ship my goods next week, then go to Cucharas and spend the Sabbath, and then go from there to Los Animas.

We have not heard from Mr. Chamberlain. Will look for him tomorrow morning, or at least some word with reference to him.

I held my closing services last Sabbath. The Methodists, out of respect for me, omitted their services in the evening and attended ours, so I had a full house. In haste,

Your Brother in Christ,

J. L. Merritt.

P. S. Enclosed \$1.75 for the Spanish History.

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Longmont, Col. April 21, '70.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of the 17th inst. just received. God bless you abundantly, and make his work through you prosperous.

Have just forwarded through your request a letter to Bro. Horton and his school. According also to your direction.

Am rejoiced now to report that things at Nederland are looking a little more hopeful. Have had hard and discouraging work there. The last two Sabbaths the Lord seemed to smile upon us mercifully. My desire and most earnest prayer to































will not be able to be there, and besides does not consider himself a member of this church, having been dismissed by letter some time ago. It is certain that he will not take any part save as a private counsellor. In regard to Henderson and Clarke, I am well convinced that both of them are steadfast in their opposition, and of course neither of them could be put in the chair. Mr. Meade is the only remaining man, and not only does he lack the proper qualifications for a leader and chairman but his deficiency of speech would preclude his occupying that position. So that unless you yourself, or Brother Bliss, or some other Brother is here the whole matter will go by the board. I would much prefer for you to come. As for Henderson and Clarke they will oppose, or at least take no part no matter what minister is here. And I say let them go, and let the church get along with one elder. If this decided course is not pursued, in my opinion, we will lose this church and things will drift, I know not where. I am informed that there is no opposition to me outside of Henderson and Clarke, and they of course, would oppose anybody except a Congregationalist.

Possibly there may be others who would vote against me, but that could be tested by the vote Sabbath night. If there should be a decided, hearty and unanimous vote for me I think Henderson and Clarke would subside and sneak in after a little, but certain it is that it only spoils them to be deferring to their whims.

I believe the course I suggest is the only one to save the church, though you may think differently. Combining this church and Idaho, and if they together could not afford an adequate salary, I suppose the Board would supplement it.

If the arrangement and plan I have sketched can be carried out, let it be done forthwith. If not, I may as well abandon this field altogether, as there will be no use in my remaining here any longer than Monday next and in that case I would be glad if you would open the way for me to visit some other field at once.

I have thus laid my ideas before you and stated the case as clearly as I could. I think Brother Bliss much mistaken in his diagnosis of Henderson and Clarke. I have no confidence in Henderson. He is not a true man, talks and acts in two or three ways -- Clarke has studiously kept out of my sight all the time--

I hope to see you at Black Hawk house-- Saturday night-- or your proxy-- or to hear from you by letter-- May the good Lord guide you as to what is best for his own cause.

Fraternally,

R. M. Carson.

P. S. Of course you understand that it would not do for me to preside and conduct things at a congregational meeting-- when I myself am the subject to be disposed of-- Hence the necessity of some other presiding minister-- It would not even be proper for me to be present at the meeting at all-- However, I need hardly have added this postscript-- as you understand the point full well. There is a possibility that I may











and there is a mortgage on the property to secure payment. I would not take \$1500.00 in cash for it now, though I could easily get it. The school has opened with most encouraging prospects. Fifty-four are now registered and six more that have applied are to enter Monday. The Mayor of the city is one of the scholars. He told a friend of his the other day that we have the best school in Utah --- which by the way-- was not saying very much for our school, but that is a powerful lever for me to work with. The reason of my taking charge of the school I believe I did not give you. It was this: Mr. Walker of Ogden, proposed through Welch to take charge of the school if I would guarantee certain conditions. The conditions were guaranteed, but unfortunately for me, Mr. W. saw a tempting opening of some kind at Cheyenne and declined coming here. Many of the people here had kept their children from other schools for ours. The disappointment would have been fatal to my mission, or at least would have crippled me greatly. I determined to die before such a disaster befall this infant enterprise. I announced school to commence the following Monday. At the very 11th hour the trustees of the town schools who had very kindly(?) promised me the temporary use of the desks in an unoccupied house, decided that the dear people might not like it, and so refused to let them go. Determined not to be out-done, I bought lumber and went in search of a carpenter to make temporary desks. Not one could be found. All were employed all at once. Driven to desperation I improvised a work bench, borrowed a jack-plane and hatchet and saw, planed 200 feet of lumber and made desks enough to accommodate 50 scholars and was ready to open school on the following Monday. Upon the whole I have made capital by it, though I have not complained.

Your April appeal might have done great harm here, but I carefully concealed the papers and sent them East to Ill., where the article was copied extensively by the local papers. The people here know nothing of that letter and appeal.

My congregation is growing. I go to Fairview tomorrow A. M., and return for my P. M. appointment here. If I can only hold out I shall draw the people to me through the school. I shall not run after them. I hope and pray for a teacher to relieve me. Last week I received letters of inquiry from three ladies, two of them are living in Nebraska, are in the millinery business and condition their coming upon "good pay," "agreeable society," and "religious privileges." The other is a maiden lady in Ill., who might come under favorable circumstances but could not under any circumstances before June 15th.

I hope for the young man at Alleghaney. I was serenaded two weeks ago thusly:-- A crowd of boys and young men assembled in front of my door with boistrous talk and laughter and hurled three volleys of stones against my door, then ran away as fast as they could go. I paid no attention to it. It was repeated a few nights ago, but I did not complain. I think it will not occur again. Love to all.

Yours ,

B. J. Mc Millan.







Del Norte, Colo.  
May 5th, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:--

I wrote you last week. Your note to me at Saguache, I only got last Friday on my second visit. Had good housefulls this time in spite of high wind all day and some rain in evening. Had again accompaniment and choir in evening. Persons surprised at number out in spite of wind. Sh came his ten miles to church again. Other persons two or three miles at night. Mr. McCulloch -- Lawyer-- has been east, married a fine musician and good singer (Christian church member,) very likely join us. It costs me \$2.25 a day at Saguache. I hope to cheapen it. I am grateful for your earnest prayer for prudence on my part. I assure you it is my often petition. I am extremely conscious of the fullness of that scripture "Wise as serpents and harmless as doves," it being realized in me. I am grateful to God for a circumspect Board of Elders and I have placed myself in their hands for guidance, and am trying to do my loveliest and most complaisant. I have at last gotten my trunk. Saved \$14.00 by waiting six weeks for it. My wife grows very anxious to get out in July, if the Ladies Aid Society send her, whether they can do it as well then.

I regret the inability to secure a buggy. I am a little afraid of asking Waters again to assist. I hope God may prosper yet. I shall take no other action 'till I hear the result of yours. I feel the need more and more. Waters has sent me a lot of Spanish tracts and books.

I am afraid your coming in July will conflict with other arrangements. Wife coming then. I go to Minnie's in June. General Bowen wants me to attend Court at Conejos in July. Will learn more there than in weeks of work. Rainy season occurs in the latter part of July. Rains in floods every day they say. I wish you could come; but if you do, it will require longer time than in September or August. The latter time will be best for knowledge of field. If in July you will have to come in early part because of weather. My purpose was to go in June, get ready for organization then with you.

I am writing under difficulties this morning, as I have to sit very erect and in some pain, as I have a Canthandis plaster on my breast-- pleurisy or neuralgia it seems. Had a bad night. I wrote to-day chiefly to tell some facts in regard to the "Penitentes" which you may not have learned. I did so through Dr. Metcalf and he from an intelligent Mexican source:-- that those undergoing this operation once each year for five years. That on the 3rd day or Friday evening at dusk, as the torture begins on the Wednesday previous and keeps up three days,) women are especially set apart to flagellate these bruised backs. After dark they enter a room where are (40) forty candles burning they all sing a song of (40.) forty verses, blow out a candle as a verse is sung-- then reaching the last verse and last candle at the door, all except the "Penitentes" go out, but the



Penitentes stay there in the dark, up all night, and "fight the Holy Fight," striking each other as they grope and meet one another in the dark.

That in each district once in five years about, there must be a crucifixion unto death of at least one person. That after these five years of penance those going through it can commit any crime and be forgiven.

That the priests try to induce the Mexicans to go down into New Mexico away from the white people here, shows it to be a papal enterprise.-

That the penitentes up here wear masks!

I hope if you have not learned these facts before, they may tip your tongue with fire to inflame the zeal of the church for the overthrowing of the darkness of the Centennial States.

I hope this may reach you e'er you leave for General Assembly. If it does not, that it may speedily be forwarded.

Yours ever,

A. M. Darley.

P.S. Found out 8 or 10 Presbyterians across river. Secured nine names to church here.

Yours,

A.M.D.

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West Las Animas, Colo.  
May 7th 1875.

Dear Dr. Jackson:--

I am pleased with the change to West Las Animas so far as water and mail facilities are concerned. Was agreeably surprised to find such good water here. Hope and pray that my labors may be more blessed here than at Trinidad.

Brother Clarke of the M. E. Church South will preach next Sabbath morning, and as the evening is vacant I will preach then. The chaplain at the Fort claims every Sabbath evening as his time. I don't know whether he will give way to let me have the whole day on alternate Sabbaths or not. If not I will probably preach in the evenings at the old town. I visited there and at the Fort yesterday. Think I can start and S. S. at the old town. Will start a union prayer meeting here next week.

Have not been able to find a room yet. If I cannot do any better will put up a small house on the back end on corner lots, which Judge Moor, the agent for the Company, says he will reserve, by written contract, for the church, for one year. The lots are one block east of the baptist church and on the north side of the street running east and west on the north side of the church, about half way between the two railroads.

Considering their location, these lots can readily be exchanged for others if the church desires a different location when they get ready to build. My moving expenses are sixteen dollars. My horse and outfit cost me ninety six dollars.







noble work -- such work I want to do; but here comes the Board and says "fossilize"! Bah! It is that or do thou the work and suffer! I deem the ministry enough of suffering without unkindness from a church intelligent enough to know better than to let me suffer without cause. There is a vast difference between suffering for Christ's sake, because people are wicked and ignorant, and suffering at the dictum of the Board, maugre all the Presbytery says who are on the ground and know whereof they testify.

This is the second time the Board has dealt with me in the same way. I entered on the work at Mo. Valley to find a church who heretofore had never raised more than \$250.00 per annum. I forced that church up to \$500.00 and asked the Board to duplicate the amount, and they cut me short \$150.00 in face of my risk of \$250.00. For six months I suffered. If I had stopped running in debt any week for several months we would have starved. Presbytery ordered me more and I got it. Such conduct as this does not encourage me to elevate the liberality of a church. I am not one to foster stinginess. I went preach to a stingy church, except long enough to prove them such and force them out of it, if possible. Does the Board not want me? Let them try this again and I'll leave the van, and look out for number one; a thing I am loth to do as long as the scriptural "Go preach" stands. But my sense of manhood, my honor, the success of my ministry heretofore and my correct attitude towards benevolence forbids much longer sufferance. Then, too, view this point -- when I left Mo. Valley I had in hand and due me by the Board about \$400.00. My book shows \$390.00 spent in March and April. Full \$400.00 has been spent getting here and getting started. There is yet \$160.00 to pay for freight from Denver -- from \$150.00 to \$200.00 to get Mrs. Darby here. So that getting to work costs us over \$600.00. My contribution this year to Home Missions! 6/10ths of my income! I was not compelled to come for health, &c.

Now our Foreign missionaries get put down in foreign lands, house furnished &c.-- and very light work in many cases compared to ours. In one view of the case the Home Missions owes me \$600.00 and yet cuts me down to \$500.00! I know this is putting it strong, but I could have stopped in Nebraska. Got to Ft. Kearney at an expense of \$150.00 all told, and gotten \$1000.00. See again -- and what do you think? The Elders last Wednesday night, had the liberal hardihood to say they thought as a bottom thing they could raise \$400.00 for me here! ! I who say that I never saw but one or two men who gave enough to the cause of Christ was surprised. I still doubt it. But they will try it and it will be no mean try. Now then, if Del Norte reaches that during this year, then my whole field will this year double it anyhow. So if this occurs -- the Board on a basis of \$1500.00 will give me but \$700.00 for six counties on which is one circuit of 266 miles over 3 Mountain ranges, with an average ride of about 5000 miles a year, and I don't think I could save a cent above the necessary expenditures. The attitude of the Board makes me feel they don't trust me,



or that my case has not been fairly put to them, or they are piqued at the Presbytery's action in opening up the field, and there never was a more hopeful opening. I cannot think that you, dear Brother, of all men, failed to put it strong; or I don't know you! I can't think the same either of the Mission of the Presbytery.

Now, mind, Brother, I realize the value of the sum \$1000.00; but I protest that they ought not to limit me to that. Nor do I say I won't work for it. I know your love and helping hand to the Bretherin, I know your promised hope of Mrs. D. being brought to me. But if she is brought to me-- and she ought to be in July--- then after buying a stove, some little furniture, getting my goods here &c., I'll have about \$30.00 or \$40.00 a month to live on, for first quarter, supposing we have \$250 intact by July 15th. The Board has no right to force me into debt, or to keep us apart, and my sending Mrs. D. to Pennsylvania was the most economical thing I could do. I am now ready for her, but she would have been a burden before. I could not have come here with her. Does the Board know that I am in advance of all the Colorado bretheren? Do they know (what I believe is true) that the Canon City, Golden city, Colorado Springs &c. pastors have from \$1200.00 to 1600.00 a year and they are on or near by the R. R.s. and I away off at least 140 or 150. or 250 miles from the depots of goods and groceries, and extortion stares a man over every counter in the San Luis Valley?

At Mo. Valley I sent my commission back to the Board on its first reception. I have neither desire nor ability to do it from here. They have got me! I am cornered! I can't get away if I would, and I have never entered a field more to my missionary impulses than this.

So I propose this: Let you or the Board see that "Frank" is paid for-- my wife is brought here and my freight laid down here and let the Commission for \$1000.00 stand with the privilege of the church raising it to \$1200.00; then they shall have all the rest, and under God I hope to make that a good round sum. Or let me have these three things and let the Commission be \$1500.00 for first 6 months, and 6 months \$1000.00, which is more fair. Now is my poverty! Now is the time when I need money. I shall have to borrow money to get into the mines. I have barely \$5.00 left over a week's board due and \$2.00 to a woman for washing. So that when wife comes 2 months hence I shall have but \$150.00 for furnishing hours, getting freight here and living three months!! I cannot do it! I will not! I can't starve. The alternative unless you reach in your hand is my family not here till winter, if then, and I miserable, my usefulness impaired &c. I care more for a full proof of my ministry than for ought else, but a comfortable living is the necessary condition thereof.

Now, dear Brother, I have said my say. You, I feel, sympathize with, possibly, everything I have said. I mean no offence to any one. You see my need, I have it before you fairly. I hope this may reach you before you get to the Assem







































Silver City, Colo.  
May 28, 1875.

Dear Brother:--

Arrived here safely Saturday week. Would have written you sooner had you not been absent to General Assembly. Will write more at length soon as I can get time. Am looking around getting acquainted &c. I sent memorial from Santa Fe, as requested.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the girls. Rocky Mountain Presbyter here and distributed Glad to hear from you at any time.

Your Brother,  
W. W. Curtis.

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Longmont, Colo.  
May 27th, 1875.

Dear Brother jackson:--

The work in my field still goes forward. Last Sabbath we had a communion session at Longmont and we had three additions to the church. The Sabbath before we organized the church at Nederland, making an elder of brother Breath. These were five new additions to the church. The Lord was with us and we had a very precious communion season. The hearts of God's people were cheered and refreshed. The prospect of that church is now very hopeful.

have now been in the field nine months and there have been gathered into the church in all my field twenty six members. The Lord has blessed and prospered, Blessed be His holy name.

Now what about the buggy? The season has arrived when we are very much in need of it. As yet we have not received the first dollar. Do you think we can depend upon it. I am sure we could do much additional service for the Master. If it ever comes, we will endeavor to use it, as all things else for the glory of God.

By the way, are you conscious that things are in very bad shape in Boulder City? Am sorry for Brother Anderson. But he evidently has not managed wisely. But please do not tell him that I say so. He is a good Brother beloved and my whole heart's desire is that he should prosper, but he never can there. His opportunity for doing so is lost. Oh, that God would make us all more wise, more prudent, more and more an instrumental power for his glory!

Mrs. Teitsworth not very well. Rest of us are.

Our communion at Caribou in two weeks from next Sabbath. Remember to pray for us.

Fraternally &c.

W. P. Teitsworth.

P. S. Congratulations to the Bretheren who may know me. Tell the Secretaries of the good work of the Lord.



Del Norte, Colorado.  
May 27, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson:--

I wrote you several weeks ago, protesting against the wrong the Board had cruelly done me in limiting my salary to \$1000.00. I yet can conceive of no just reason on their part for such conduct. I grow more indignant the more I think of it. I wrote you and marked my letter, "In haste." that in case you did not receive it before your departure it would be forwarded to you by Mrs. Jackson. I suppose your not writing is due to your trip and business at the General Assembly. I hope to hear from you by return mail, if at all possible. I want to re-enter the mountains by June eighty if possible. I have no money though, and if I do not get enough I shall not go. And if I do not get off in June, then not likely until August, or before you come. Without funds I can do nothing, and when my quarterage comes due it will be spent almost immediately for debt daily being incurred, and for rent, and a very few household expenses. When I think of the absolute poverty to which I am and shall be reduced by the Board's absurd action -- to call it by no worse name, I can hardly forbear writing them an eye-opener such as never came from a missionary pen -- and end the Missionary. I have on the basis of their interesting conduct the lovely prospect of about \$300.00 of debt in the next three months, and that after struggling free from it at the end of three and a half arduous years. So I can only look to your kind sympathy and enlightened interest for help.

How has the call for the pony succeeded? Has any Aid Society yet offered it, and to bring Mrs. Dalley out here?

She will leave Pennsylvania for here by July 1st.

Can the money be ready then? Can my freight be sent to me also? I need it by July 4th.

Tell me plainly what you think and what you have done.

I have only \$.07¢ left. I had to borrow money for my last visit to Saguache, and left there in debt. I shall have to do ditto to-morrow -- if the Lord does not help by next mail. My boots are hardly fit to be seen. If I had not been in tight places before, I should despair. But I trust the Lord that this embarrassment is only temporary, -- but I do protest against my being compelled to go into debt.

I have added five more to the church. We hold communion June 6th when we expect more. We feel sure of securing the town hall to preach in. Larson is building a house to rent me, to be done by July 4th. Have good audiences. Out-look good. I enclose \$150.00 Clines, 'Hawks' and Green's subscription to the Rocky Mountain Presbyter. Got the June numbers today. Thanks for notice of our church again. N. belier makes good points. Pictures interesting. Rickards talks of leaving the Ministry. Ill health. Regards to enquiring bretherin.

Yours ever gratefully,  
Alex M. Darley.







I confess that I have taken Christ's standpoint more and more, and exercise more charity and patience. I have borne much -- done much -- and suffered more than any preacher in Iowa. That I seek now more to win than to drive. Young and conscientious men are apt to be severe, such I have been in an unguarded moment may be yet; but if ever man came prudent, prayerful and full of all charity to a field, I came to this. I was almost timidly careful and watchful. So, I wrote you when you suggested in a pointed manner, prudence. I always come to a field hoping to live and die there, never treating it as a convenience to what would be more lucrative. You challenged me to this field. I accepted as you are aware made no stipulation, said not a word as to salary! I am a loyal Presbyterian, and if Presbytery said go to the ends of the earth, I would go. I deem Presbytery my bishop. Surely many Christian heads and hearts are better than one. I realize there is much to learn. Through God's love in making me suffer I expect to learn daily, as well as "die daily" unto sin. He has smitten me terribly at times; but of all wounds your letter was like to be the hardest, had I not told him of it, ere I felt it too deeply. Wounded in the house of my friends. I had liked to have laughed about the Colorado Presbytery's doubts about my orthodoxy! Well, well, well! That's good! I who have been abused for being a Calvinist, a high one, a blue Presbyterian &c. I wish I could show you some of the Iowa editorials devoted to me and my Calvinism. But I cannot laugh when I find Christian men without warrant being suspicious of me. Says a Swedish writer "Suspensions are dangerous. They are the marks of a sickly conscience." I so think. I so have realized in my own folly. I am a Presbyterian to the backbone, up to the handle, and if my "head is level" on anything, it is the faith of my father Calvinists of Huguenot and Covenanter line. Dr. Halsey told us it would take ten years to get our theology in hand, and I have been four years at work on mine and find nothing in the creed of my ordination to discount. But in that search I have woven that theology more and more into my heart gone to deeper depths and higher heights, than my Seminary training gave me. As I use none but a few Commentaries, only Concordances and the original Scripture, comparing Scripture with Scripture and because we Darleys have our own forms of expression, I do vary from my bookish compeers in being Biblical instead of scholastic. I am happy in some discoveries of truth that I deem justly will settle some vexed questions, and as I take vivid views and always talk my fullness, I may seem to others a little vagrant, but I assure you I am not. Dr. Charles Hodge whose translation of a passage in Ephesians I criticised, wrote me a kindly letter saying I was right, and that if every one studied the Scripture as I did there would be an end to controversy or words to that effect. In regard to the matter of perfection, Sanctification &c., to which I have devoted three years special study and on which I hope some day to publish a book, Dr. Wm. P. Breed writes that I have started a "new and striking vein of thought."



Now, Brother, with such abuse from the enemies of the Church and such approbation from its leaders, I fear no Presbytery of Colorado, and if the bretherin are ready to do the manly thing, I shall be happy to have them put me through. They will uncover a Patton not a Swing. Do treat me fairly. But another thought in the form of an important question :-- By what "power or authority" does the Home Board -- limit the salary of an Evangelist or Pastor ordered by a Presbytery? I would like to know that! I acknowledge a large measure of freedom in the appropriation they themselves make; but their right I deny and defy them to say I shall not have the salary of \$1500.00 when the Presbytery of Colorado says I May. Is there another power in Presbyterian Church? Is there a fifth wheel to the four we have already in Session, Presbyterian Synod and General Assembly? If there is I'll undertake the reform right there, and overturn General Assembly next year. I came near doing it last week. So you see I write under the impulse of a sense of injustice from a charge that is false, and suspicious, and an act that is un-constitutional. I am a Presbyterian. I think I know Presbyterianism and Calvinism as well as any of my peers in Colorado. Shall I be condemned -- and my living taken from me because of a set of backbiting preachers, of all backbiters the most contemptible. I say it is too bad. And I ask as a favor that if you ever have to again write me such a letter you make your charges specific instead of general and be sure for the sake of all that is kind and brotherly give me names of all back-biters, and I assure you the biters will be bit. If it was not a suspicious remark I would say that it is because of their own un-Presbyterian and un-ministerial conduct that the Iowa bretheren were bit by me, and now they bark because I am gone. They have taken \$500.00 from me by misrepresentation! Is it a light thing when my poor wife has to borrow \$200.00 to get to the husband for whom she pines, and a poor missionary will be \$400.00 in debt in three months from her arrival, just where he was 4 years ago? Ah! Brother I have abused many a man, and surely the Lord now punishes me severely. But I never did such a wrong as has been done me, I think. I may, and if so, God forgive me, and help them, as I hope he may me in his forbearance. I say now in face of these facts, my salary should be full \$1500.00 and my wife and goods should be brought here at the Board's expense. I shall always think so. I still look to you as the prime cause of my coming here to see to it that full \$200.00 in addition to what ever salary I get be raised for that purpose. Less done will be wrong.

But Brother, I close, ever esteeming you a true man and a true friend.

Our S<sup>e</sup>ssion added 5 more to the church this evening. Hopes of more yet on next Sabbath. I'll write you a little item for the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian about our growth. I enclose the name of a new subscriber of Rocky























































